

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
2024-2025 BUDGET HEARING
HELD ON MARCH 14, 2024
TOWNSHIP OF FOREST – Lisa Margrif – CLERK**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Supervisor Price. Board members present were: Supervisor, Mary Ann Price; Clerk, Lisa Margrif; Treasurer, Linda Smoke; and Trustee Mark Martin and Trustees Al Sorge.

Motion by Margrif, seconded by Smoke, to accept the agenda for the March 14, 2024 meeting as presented. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Sorge, to accept the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 08, 2024. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to accept the Treasurers reports for general, fire, garbage funds and fire loss withholding escrow fund as presented. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Margrif, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Margrif, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to amend the 2023-2024 General budget as follows:

From: Audit-Contractual Services #101201801- \$8,541.00
To: Supervisor/ Salaries #101171702000 - \$2,255.00
Elections/ Equipment #101191980000 - \$4,061.00
Building & Grounds/ Communications #101265850000- \$605.00
Building & Grounds/ Insurance #101265935000- \$1,400.00
Board of Appeals/ Salaries #10141070200-\$220.00

Roll call vote: Martin, yes; Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Margrif, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to amend the 2023-2024 Garbage budget as follows:

From: Fund balance #226000390000-\$24,940.10
To: Garbage-Contractual service #226528801000-\$24,940.10

Roll call vote: Price, yes; Margrif, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to accept the bills submitted for March, 2024 payment, General Fund - checks numbered 24829 through 24911, Fire Assessment - checks numbered 14100 through 14112, Garbage Assessment - check number 9149. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Smoke, to adopt a resolution to leave the payment made to Genesee County Road Commission for Henderson Road project through the general fund contractual services fund. Roll call vote: Sorge, yes; Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Supervisor Price closed the regular meeting at 6:39p.m. and opened the Budget Hearing at 6:39p.m.

The budget for 2024-2025 was presented and discussed. There were no changes made to the presented budgets. There were no comments from the guests attending.

Budget Hearing was closed at 6:42 P.M. and the regular meeting re-opened at 6:42 P.M.

Motion by Price, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to contract with Floor Care Concepts for \$85,100.00 using ARPA money for Township Hall floor and to include up to \$19,793.00 of ARPA funds to do the other floors. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Martin, yes; Margrif, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Cemetery culvert estimates tabled till we get other estimates.

Motion by Margrif, seconded by Smoke to adopt the following resolutions, by consent agenda for the budget year 2024-2025:

To enact the General Appropriations, Act for the General Fund Budget year 2024-2025 General Fund Revenue - \$763,476. General Fund Expenditures - \$763,476.

To enact the General Appropriations, Act for the Special Fire Assessment Fund Budget Year 2024-2025. Special Fire Assessment Revenues - \$239,759. Special Fire Assessment Expenditures - \$234,700.

To enact the General Appropriations, Act for the Special Assessment Garbage Fund Budget Year 2024-2025. Special Assessment Garbage Revenue - \$273,899. Special Assessment Garbage Expenditures \$251,968.

To set the Township meeting, times and places for the 2024-2025 year. Forest Township Board of Trustees meeting is the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 P.M. Planning Commission Board meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 P.M. Zoning Board of Appeals will be the Third Tuesday of the month as needed. All meetings will be held at the Forest Township Hall, 130 E. Main St. Otisville. Meetings dates, times and location will be posted if changed.

To use Huntington Bank for investments and checking for the 2024-2025 year.

To use Frankenmuth Credit Union for investments and checking for the 2024-2025 year.

To Approve the .8994 Tax Levy 2024-2025 tax year as presented from the Assessor. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Martin, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Margrif, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Margrif, seconded by Smoke, to accept the mowing contract as presented from Creative Lawn and Landscaping for the 2024 season with no changes from 2023 year. Roll call vote: Margrif, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes; Martin, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Smoke, seconded by Martin, to adopt a resolution to contract with the Genesee County Road Commission for 2024 to chloride in Forest Township. The first application Forest Township will pay half of the cost being \$28,689.14 and Genesee County will pay half. Forest Township will not participate in second application and Genesee County will pay for 100% of the Third application. Roll call vote: Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Margrif, to accept the personal property annual canvas policy as presented. Roll call: Smoke, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Margrif, to adopt a resolution to purchase 4 sets of gear and 3 sets of boots up to \$13,200.00. Roll call vote: Price, yes; Martin, yes; Margrif, yes; Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to adopt a resolution to switch the fire department training software and RMS to EPR for \$4,239.00 a year and end contract with old company. Roll call vote: Margrif, yes; Martin, yes; Smoke, yes; Price, yes; Sorge, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Solar farm commercial request tabled.

Motion by Price, seconded by Margrif, to adopt a resolution to go forward with the par plan grant resolution for 5 dash cameras for the fire department. Roll call vote: Martin, yes; Smoke, yes; Margrif, yes; Sorge, yes; Price, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Price, seconded by Sorge, to adopt a resolution to keep the in lieu of rate the same rate for 2024 from 2023 for \$1,588.00. Roll call vote: Smoke, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Margrif, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Sorge, to adopt a resolution to purchase from Lighthouse PC a basic maintenance plan for \$535 per year which includes three (3) hours of web updates. Roll call vote: Margrif, yes; Sorge, yes; Martin, yes; Price, yes; Smoke, yes. All yes, motion carried.

Supervisor Price adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Submitted by Lisa Margrif