

Wilber Township
Iosco County
Board of Trustees Meeting Special Budget Workshop Meeting
February 19, 2024
Proposed Minutes

Call to Order: Supervisor Mark Nunn called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Roll was called. Present were Clerk Robert White, Treasurer Steve Ferguson and Trustees Mary Pingot and Cheri Mioduch. There were no others.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Prepare and Establish FY-2025 Township Budget

Treasurer Steve Ferguson reviewed and discussed FY-2024 revenues, expenditures, and fielded questions about various revenue line items, as well as some projected for FY-2025.

The 2023 Inflation Rate was 3.4%.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Mioduch, to approve Resolution 2024-001 increasing the Supervisor's annual compensation by 3.4%, effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Mioduch, to approve Resolution 2024-002 increasing the Clerk's annual compensation by 3.4% effective, April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Mioduch, to approve Resolution 2024-003 increasing the Treasurer's annual compensation by 3.4%, effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Mioduch, to approve Resolution 2024-004 increasing the two Trustees annual compensation by 3.4%, effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Mioduch, to approve Resolution 2024-005 increasing the Clerk's annual compensation for non-statutory duties to \$6,204, effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Mioduch, to approve Resolution 2024-006 increasing the Zoning Administrator's annual compensation by 3.4%, effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Mioduch, to approve Resolution 2024-007 increasing the Ordinance Enforcement Officer's hourly compensation by 3.4%, effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Nunn, to approve Resolution 2024-008 increasing the Cemetery Sexton's annual compensation to \$3,600, effective April 1, 2024. Roll call vote held; all ayes, motion carried.

Other Compensation issues were then discussed:

Meeting per diems for Planning commission and ZBA members were discussed; if the 3.4 COLA were applied, it would amount to less than \$2per meeting for members, and around \$2 for chair and secretary. It was then agreed that we would wait until next year when crafting the FY-26 budget to increase each by \$5.00.

Meeting per diems for Board of Review members were also left standing for evaluation next year.

Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Nunn to increase the hourly compensation for the Elections Clerk to \$22.75. Precinct Workers hourly compensation will be increased by .50/hour, or \$17.50 for Chairperson(s), and \$15.50 for Election/Precinct Workers.

The rest of the election portion of the budget was discussed, but because of several proposed legislative changes that are pending, we are not able to provide even guesstimates for several areas, including salaries, postage, supplies and other new costs for conducting elections.

Moved by Pingot, seconded by Nunn to increase the hourly rate for maintenance, general clerical was left standing at \$12/hour, and deputies increased to \$15.00.

The extra meetings stipend for Trustees, currently \$60, was left standing, with an increase recommended for increasing it to \$65 for FY-26.

The assessor's compensation, based contractually on the number of parcels; 1,097 parcels at \$13.50/parcel, = \$ 14,809.50 to be paid in salary as an employee, and 1,097 parcels @ \$0.50parcel to be paid as a contractor).

Inspection Program: New this year, the State Tax Commission recommends that the assessor inspect 20% of real properties (1,073) annually using a documented inspection plan at \$30/parcel, payable quarterly: 04-02-24; 07-01 24; 10-01-24; and 01-01-25.

The treasurer will provide new cost codes for this activity.

Treasurer Steve Ferguson then reviewed the rest of the General Fund line items. After discussions and clarifications on several, moved by Pingot, seconded by Nunn, to approve the budget as submitted. Roll call: five ayes, no nays. Motion Carried.

The Truth in Budgeting Hearing on the budget will be held at the Wilber Township Hall on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9 am. The required Public Notice in the newspaper will be published in the March 13, 2024 Editions.

Moved by Pingot to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Robert D. White, Clerk