

Hudson Township

January 8, 2024 Minutes

Regular meeting of the Hudson Township Board was called to order Monday January 8, 2024 at 7pm by Supervisor Matt Smith. Members present were Supervisor Matt Smith, Treasurer Cathy Henning, Clerk Marcy Griffin, and Trustees Barry Anderson and Doug Cook. Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes for the December 11, 2023 meeting and the consent agenda were presented. A late bill came in from Lenawee Printing for \$31.88. Doug made a motion with a second from Barry to accept both with the amendment to the consent agenda. Motion passed.

Public comments; Accountant Brent Shea gave an overview of the audit performed this spring. The Township is in good financial condition.

Doug gave the Fire Board report. Definitely seeing improvements.

Unfinished business; Early warning sirens; waiting on West Shore to come out to do a physical evaluation.

New business; Marcy presented the poverty exemption and asset guide. There are no changes from last year to either of these. Marcy offered the Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Application and Asset Guidelines. Cathy supported the resolution. Roll call vote passed unanimously. Resolution #R2024-01 was declared adopted.

Rollin Township has increased the Posey Lake Sewer fee from \$135/qt to \$145/qt. Drain commission states that the pump station at Valentine Lane will need major work soon. Other parts of the system will also need updating and repairs due to the age of the system. This increase is meant to increase the accounts so there is enough to pay for the projected upcoming expenses. Cathy said she does not believe the account balance is too low, that with last years increase the account is gaining funds. After some discussion there was not enough support for a motion to increase the fee. There is some discussion on the percentage cost division between Rollin and Hudson Township.

The proposed budget was presented. After review the deputy pay was raised to \$1,850.00. Matt raised the budget public hearing at 7:50pm. This is a truth in taxation hearing to discuss property millage rates proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget. No public comment. Hearing closed at 7:52pm

Marcy presented the proposed 2024 Road Millage ballot wording. The board agrees this wording will be acceptable to use this year with the adjustment to the proposed income rate. Marcy will get the estimate of what is expected to be earned.

Public comment; Janet High was concerned that waiting to increase sewer rates could be a problem if the sewer has large repairs.

Next regular board meeting will be Monday February 12, 2024 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:04pm

Submitted by Marcy Griffin, Clerk

Approved 2/12/24 MG