

February 27, 2020 @ 7:00pm

Levy Meeting

Present – Chairman Jeff Schommer; Supervisors Jim Roach, Dave Hauser; Treasurer Dominic Henderson and clerk A. Anderson. Also, present Fire Chief Eric Makowski and Carl Anderson. J. Schommer called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the February 5, 2019 Levy meeting were reviewed. D. Hauser made a **motion (1)** to accept the minutes as written, seconded by J. Roach. All were in favor.

J. Schommer stated that in the Mission Township Operating Policies; Section 6 – Levy, it states ‘The special account funds (Fire, Roads, Park) are levied to bring their balance to zero each year. Excesses or deficits in special funds are transferred to or from the General fund reserves.’

Henderson had prepared the Proposed 2021 Levy based on the information received from the clerk. There was a question regarding the Capital Projects. There was discussion regarding how a ‘Capital Project’ was defined. J. Schommer made a **motion (2)** to identify a ‘Capital Project’ as a line item that is \$50,000 or greater and has a life expectancy of more than a year and retains some value, seconded by D. Hauser. J. Roach opposed; should be spelled out better, motion carried.

The proposed 2021 Levy was reviewed by all. General fund there were no changes.

Road & Bridge, there was discussion regarding resurfacing of the roads. D. Hauser made a **motion (3)** to increase Bituminous Resurfacing from \$45,000 to \$65,000, seconded by J. Schommer. All were in favor. There was further discussion regarding resurfacing the roads and how it would be funded. As the General fund has a reserve of over 1 million the plan would be to implement a ‘Spend Down Policy’. \$225,000 out of the General reserve would be used for road resurfacing. There was additional discussion regarding funds for a new or used plow truck. It was stated that \$225,000 could also come out of the General reserve as part of the ‘Spend Down Policy.’

Park and Fire funds were also reviewed with no changes.

After final review the board concluded to make an effort to reduce the 2021 Proposed Levy by approximately 20 percent. All agreed to present the proposed 2021 Levy to the residents at the Annual Meeting. The overall plan is to use the reserve in the General Fund for future projects.

Proposed 2021 Levy – General Fund \$400,000

J. Schommer made a **motion (4)** to adjourn the Levy meeting @ 9:20p.m., seconded by D. Hauser. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna
Clerk Anderson

*****The Proposed 2021 Tax Levy is subject to change at the Annual Meeting on March 10, 2020*****