

December 26, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry for December 26, 2019 was called to order by Harold Best, Chairman. Those in attendance were Harold Best, Fred Buckholtz, Jerry Brosius and Chad Findlay (Township Manager). Guests in attendance were (see-attached sheet). This meeting was recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

- Jerry Brosius made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Fred Buckholtz, motion carried (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius - yes).

1. MINUTES

- Harold Best then asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes of the 12/12/2019 meeting. Fred Buckholtz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jerry Brosius seconded, motion carried. (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius - yes).

2. EXPENDITURES

- Fred Buckholtz made a motion to approve the expenditures, seconded by Jerry Brosius, motion carried. (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius -yes).

3. PERSONS ON THE AGENDA – NONE

4. STAFF REPORTS –

- **Township Manager** –Chad Findlay stated that the final budget needed to be approved. Chad read the proposed budget as follows

General Fund	-	\$1,784,585.00
Fire Tax	-	\$ 41,500.00
Road Machinery-		\$ 228,000.00
Water	-	\$ 850,220.00
Sewer	-	\$2,027,504.62
Street Lights	-	\$ 21,130.00
<u>Liquid Fuels</u>	-	<u>\$ 419,407.00</u>
Total Budget		\$5,372,346.62

- Chad reported that it was a balanced budget with no changes in taxes. Fred Buckholtz made a motion to approve the budget. Jerry Brosius questioned the Capital Reserve fund usage and suggested the reserve money was operating reserve money. Chad read Resolution 6-15 that approved a bank transfer of Capital Reserve funds that Jerry Voted in favor of and Chad asked Jerry didn't question it then? Jerry then questioned why the taxes were so high if they weren't taken for anything? Chad then asked Jerry why he approved the budget 3 times without a tax decrease? Harold Best seconded the motion. Roll call vote. (Harold Best – yes, Fred Buckholtz – yes, Jerry Brosius – refused to vote) Chad then presented Resolution 13-19 authorizing the \$5 Per Capita Tax, naming Berkheimer the delinquent Per Capita Tax Collector, and Carol Gustafson the delinquent Street Light Tax Collector. Motion was made by Harold Best and seconded by Jerry Brosius. (All in favor). (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius - yes). Chad then presented Resolution 14-19 to re-establish the original 1983 Realty transfer tax. Fred Buckholtz made a motion to approve and Harold Best seconded the motion. (All voted in favor). (Harold Best - yes, Fred Buckholtz - yes, Jerry Brosius - yes).

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS –

- Jim Combs asked about the LED street lights that Oil City installed. Chad said he would have to look into it.
- Andy Sentgeorge commented on the budget surplus. Harold said it would be looked at in the future. Chad then explained the higher revenues and lower expenditures as something not to expect in the future. Andy then asked about the closed Van Bridge? Chad explained that the Township was not able to get a contractor to do the work under the bidding threshold prior to the date established by DEP.
- Bob Zacherl pointed out the beaver dams in the Oakwood Rosewood Garden area.

- Barbara Ross thanked Jerry for being a listening ear as a Supervisor.

6. COMMENTS OF MEMBERS –

- Harold Best thanked Jerry for his 6 years of service as a Supervisor. Jerry said he is just trying to fight for the taxpayers.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Cranberry will be January 9, 2020 at 10:30 AM. There being no further business, Harold Best adjourned the meeting at 7:19PM.

ATTEST:

Chad Findlay, Township Manager