

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BUDGET WORKSHOP

August 11, 2020 @ 3:00pm

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

Call to Order:

- A. The meeting was called to order at 3:38pm.

Establishment of a Quorum:

- A. Board members Shane Sommers, Amanda Babinec and Steve Blacketer were present.
- B. Also present were Trustee Don Hodson and members of the Washington Township staff.

Public Comment:

- A. There were no public comments.

Trustee Comments:

- A. Hodson confirmed the schedule for the remainder of the budget process:
 - a. Public hearing September 8, 2020 at 3:00pm
 - b. Adoption meeting October 8, 2020 at 3:00pm
- B. Hodson informed the board that the department heads would only be speaking to the specific questions the Board posed at the last budget workshop.

Presentation of the Updated 2021 Proposed Budgets:

- A. Parks Director Lora Helmick presented two mowing quotes she had obtained (for taking care of all Township mowing) at Babinec's request. Helmick stated that the park department was the cheapest option for township mowing. She also noted that the parks department would be about to mow on a flexible schedule to account for park events and weddings, whereas the mowing companies wanted to mow on a set schedule. She further mentioned that maintenance staff is often the number one resource for visitors who want to know more about the park or bring a concern to park administration.
- B. Helmick presented a breakdown of park salaries and wages as requested by Blacketer. Blacketer said her more detailed spreadsheet answered his questions.
- C. Chief Smith presented a breakdown of the overtime plans for his department as requested by Blacketer. Blacketer said the more detailed spreadsheet answered his questions but asked that planned overtime be labelled '172 hours/person' so it did not look like crew members were making \$172/hour for overtime work.
- D. Babinec asked Hodson how the fire department would levy the 8-cent rate if the township published the 15-cent budget. Hodson walked Babinec and the rest of the Board through the 1782 notice process and how he would edit the budget and levy.
- E. Smith noted that he would need to make some changes to the line items in the fire cumulative budget, but that the overall total would remain the same. He said he would bring those changes to the September board meeting.

Public Comment:

- A. There were no public comments.

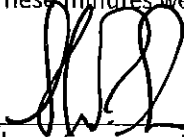
Wishes to be heard:

- A. None

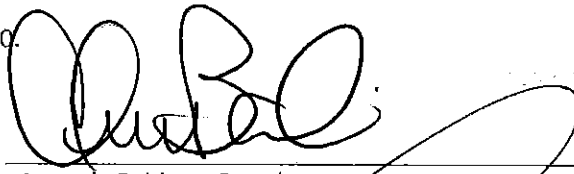
Adjournment:

- B. Babinec motioned to adjourn at 4:04 pm. Blacketer seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn carried 3-0.

These minutes were approved September 8, 2020.



Shane Sommers, Board Chair

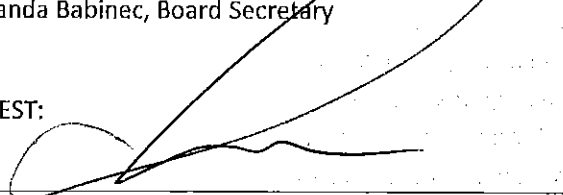


Amanda Babinec, Board Secretary



Steve Blacketer, Board Member

ATTEST:



Don Hodson, Trustee

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 3:00pm via Zoom.