

Manistee County

Budget Public Hearing Agenda March 14, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Supv. Brian Moore followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Judy Wheelock, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson

Absent: None.

With no additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience, a **Motion J. Wheelock**; **2**nd **K. Jones to approve agenda. Carried.**

Review of 2022-2023 proposed budget. Discussed the ARPA funds and how much would be available for roads. Use the balance of ARPA funds plus using some of the infrastructure CDs. Also, state revenues are expected to be higher due to a higher census count in 2020.

Determine funding sources for road re-construction. Road Commission estimated cost of repair/repaving Springdale Rd is \$424,500 of which \$212,250 (50/50 split as a local road) would be the township's responsibility. Once the township agrees to participate in this project, the bids will be sent out by the Road Commission and the dollar figures will be firmed up. K. Moore explained that if we waited until next year, the cost would be higher. For instance, material pricing for Elmers Construction was secured last year. Big Four Rd. is a primary road and eligible for federal funding.

Reviewed the 2022-23 budget line by line. Three elections this year plus bi-annual training for election workers and Board of Review. Under treasurer's line is \$24,395 for BS&A accounting software to replace QuickBooks that has been a problem for years. BS&A's cost includes two weeks of in-person training for clerk and treasurer. Cost of fuel will be higher for mowing the hall, cemetery and campground. Currently \$10/trip; expecting almost \$20. Insurance line is wrong. The \$77,000 figure is a typo and should be \$7,700. Legal costs higher due to hiring another auditor/accountant. New accountant, Baird, Cotter and Bishop offers a broader range of services such as a quick response to problems that arise, and help with ARPA fund reports.

Public comments. None.

Brief board comments.

Adjournment 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Nelson

Penny Nelson Township Clerk