

DUNDEE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
TOWNSHIP AND ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING  
Minutes of May 15, 2019

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The Budget Hearing was held in Township Meeting Room at 611 East Main Street, Suite #201, East Dundee. Supervisor Glees called the meeting to order at 6:48 PM. The Roll was called. Supervisor Glees and Trustees Harney, Ahrens & Schaffer were present. Trustee Johnson was absent. Notice of the hearing and public inspection of tentative budgets was published in the Daily Herald as required by law on April 10, 2019. Tentative budgets were also posted on the Township Web Site.

Trustee Harney made the motion to approve the agenda for the Township and Road District budget and appropriation hearing as presented with a second by Trustee Schaffer. Upon voice vote, all present voted aye - motion carried.

Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2019-2 was presented.

Supervisor Glees made the motion to approve Township Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2019-2 as presented. Trustee Harney seconded the motion.

During discussion on the motion, Trustee Schaffer commented that the budget as presented represented the Township spending \$900,000 more than the anticipated 2019 revenues from Property Taxes. The projected spending is 74% more than the tax revenues and there is little or no revenue from other departments.

Supervisor Glees noted that the majority of the funds are designated for personnel expenditures and asked what services should be cut from the budget? Trustee Schaffer commented that the Board had reviewed the various expenditures – the Township can't be spending money from the downstate reserve funds. He also asked what happens next year? Trustee Schaffer also stated that he did not want the Board to be backed into a position that it needs to go to a referendum.

Additional discussion on the budget included a review of the fund transfers that are part of the budget and a history of the cost increases in the expenditures for General Assistance, Open Space Operations & Maintenance, and the Ride in Kane service.

A review was also given of the history of the Open Space accounts and the spending that has occurred from each fund.

Several members of the public attended the meeting, Mrs. DeLoris Doederlein commented that smaller governmental groups such as the Township are where most of the residents' tax money goes and is spent. She provided an example of the cost of local impact fees and the amount these fees add to the cost of the construction on a new home. She queried how does the Township Board know that the residents want or need the services they are providing? No additional parties wished to comment on the budget and the Public Comment period was closed.

Upon roll call vote Supervisor Glees, Trustees Harney and Ahrens voted aye. Trustee Schaffer voted nay - Motion carried.

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2019-3 was presented for the Dundee Township Road District Budget. No modifications were requested to the proposed budget. Trustee Harney made the motion to approve Budget and Appropriation Ordinance #2019-3 for the Dundee Township Road District Budget as presented with a second by Trustee Ahrens.

The Board briefly discussed the budget and Trustee Schaffer noted that the budget as presented would approve \$1,282,351 in spending but the anticipated property tax revenue for the Road District is estimated at only approximately \$1,000,000.

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During the Public Comment period, Mrs. DeLoris Doederlein asked the Highway Commissioner how many road miles are in the Township. Highway Commissioner Sinnott responded that there are 32 mile of road that are maintained by the Highway Department. Mrs. Doederlein questioned whether there was consideration given to farming this work out to the City of Elgin because she believes that in the past they did the work for a lower cost.

Mr. Chris Kemp commented that he appreciated the Board members who were acting as "Gatekeepers" and attempting to control the spending. He noted how the Village of Algonquin like the Village of Sleepy Hollow had poor management in the past but that the officials in Algonquin had changed and had adopted policies that improved revenue and helped reduce taxes. No additional parties desired to comment and the Public Comment period was closed.

Upon roll call vote, Supervisor Glee, Trustees Harney and Ahrens voted aye. Trustee Schaffer voted nay - Motion carried.

Trustee Harney moved to adjourn the Budget and Appropriation Hearing at 7:25 PM seconded by Trustee Ahrens. Motion Carried by voice vote.



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Robert L. Block, Deputy Township Clerk