

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Special Preliminary Budget Planning Meeting – January 27, 2022 – 9:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 9:02 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Barbara Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson,
Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

Visitors: Fire Chief Chris Jozwik, Assessor Joyce Foondle

Assessor – Joyce Foondle

- Request to keep the 2021-22 budgeted property inspection amounts into the 2022-23 budget.
- Allow for 260 (5 hours per week) for training and miscellaneous work for Kara Dougherty in preparation for Joyce's retirement in approximately 3 years.
- Pay for office/training time at a rate of \$16.00 per hours, \$4,160.00 for the budget year.
- Property inspections still at \$30.00 per first measure, \$12.00 for recheck.
- Employee paid as sub-contractor or employee. It was determined that she would need to be paid as an employee.

Review of Preliminary Budget Outline for Fire Dept.

- Fund balances
- Additional cost related to auto maintenance, tire replacements

Township Planning

- Review of 218 Agreements, Windfall Elimination Provision and how it negatively impacts elected officials at retirement.

A motion was made by Powell to pursue obtaining the section 218 modification process. Seconded by Warren.

Roll call vote: Nickerson-aye, Earl-aye, Powell-aye, Babcock-aye, Warren-aye. No nays

Supervisor declared the motion approved.

- Review of salary agreements. A motion was made by Powell to approve the 3% salary increase for the Clerk, Treasurer, Supervisor and Trustee positions. Seconded by Warren.

Roll call vote: Earl-aye, Warren-aye, Babcock-aye, Powell-aye, Nickerson-aye No nays

Supervisor declared the motion approved

Other Business: We will need to set up the next Preliminary Budget meeting and ARPA budget planning meeting at the next regular board meeting scheduled for February 9, 2022.

A motion was made by Warren to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m. Seconded by Earl. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl, Supervisor



Sheri Babcock, Clerk