

**Allegan Township Board  
Proposed Budget Hearing  
February 17, 2021  
6:35 PM**

- I. Present were: Supervisor Steve Schulz, Clerk Brande Gillies, Treasurer Jane Waanders and Trustee Jim Connell. Trustee Mike Bender was not present.
  
- II. 2020-2021 Budget and Spending Reviewed and Discussed to Prepare 2021-2022 Budget
  - A. General Fund Revenues
    - It was discussed why the Recycling Surcharge is listed since it is not a revenue, but is owed to the county. There was talk of adding an expenditure line to show where this money actually goes.
    - It was noted that Delinquent Tax is at \$10,000, which is less than 10%.
    - There was discussion regarding interest and if the money can be placed somewhere else to gain more interest. With the constraints the township has, there is no where else to put money. Interest rates are just extremely low at this time.
    - There will be Election revenue this year from Allegan Public Schools for the Bond Proposal Election in May.
    - It is estimated that the following will increase: PPT (personal property tax) from \$5,500 to \$6,000; Building Permit Fees from \$32,000 to \$40,000.
    - It is estimated that the following will decrease: Hall Rental from \$5,000 to \$2,000; Charges for Services (Variances, etc.) from \$4,000 to \$3,500; Interest and Dividends from \$1,500 to \$500.
  - B. General Fund Expenditures
    - Elected officials and employees will receive a 2% raise to their salary.
    - Need to ask the auditor if mileage logs are needed.
    - Need to inquire about the Sports Complex. Spending should come from the Recreation Fund. Look at the three-year average maintenance costs and potentially give 1/3 of that.
    - Each department needs a new category for advertising costs.
    - Each department needs a new category for postage costs.
    - Need to get current numbers for township hall roof.
    - A township laptop needs to be purchased.
    - The township owes ACPD \$12,000 for this past year.
    - Continue helping the USDA Conservation District until their millage kicks in to get back on their feet.
    - Create a new department for Ordinance Enforcement with salary and mileage.

- The cemetery needs a contract with someone to clean up and level the ground this year, and do roads, seeding and add shrubs. Next year the township will look at going to an engineer for markers.
- Blight Project costs will be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

III. The meeting concluded at 8:45 PM.