

**LIMA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUDGET HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Maier at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was not performed as it had already been done prior to the 5:00 pm meeting with the Washtenaw County Road Commission. Present was Supervisor Maier, Clerk Bater, Treasurer Havens, and Trustees Laier and Luick. Also present was William Coltre, Arlene Bareis, Bob Spink and Penny Laier.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

AGENDA APPROVAL: Trustee Laier moved, supported by Luick to approve the agenda. Motion carried

JOURNAL ENTRIES TO ADJUST THE 2016-2017 BUDGET: Bater moved, supported by Laier to table all adjustment journal entries until next month when all payables and receivables are received by the township for the fiscal year. Motion carried

CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER FOR THE 2017-2018 BUDGET: Supervisor Maier called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:06 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Bob Spink questioned the percentage of Board Member increases for the last two years. William Coltre and Arlene Bareis also spoke on the Board of Trustee annual salaries.

PROPOSED MILLAGE FOR 2017-2018: Moved by Maier, supported by Laier to support the millage of approximately 0.8020 mils to support the 2017-18 Lima Township Budget. Motion carried

Moved by Maier, Supported by Bater to set aside the Lima township fire protection special assessment currently set at 1.65 mils, as long as the CAFA millage is in effect. Motion carried

Moved by Maier, supported by Laier to approve the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget as presented dated 3/13/2017. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

RESOLUTIONS TO ADOPT: Supervisor Maier explained that the \$150 monthly allowance paid to the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer positions, as compensation for home office space, will be rolled into the 2017-2018 annual salary (\$1,800) and no longer given monthly (\$150) since suitable offices are now available. This suggestion was expressed by past Trustee Greg McKenzie at a meeting earlier in 2016. Maier also stated that regardless of the office situation all three positions do work at home, at all different hours and all days of the week. He read out loud the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95 (3), which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board,

WHEREAS, the Board of Lima Township deems it appropriate to adjust the salary of the Township (Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer) with a 2% increase to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and corresponding with the duties of said elective office, and

WHEREAS, the one hundred and fifty dollar monthly home office allowance is still applicable it will no longer be considered a separate part of compensation and will be rolled into the 2017-2018 annual salary for a one-time, lump sum increase of \$1,800.00 after the 2% increase, now

1. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2017, the annual salary for Township Supervisor, exclusive of assessing duties, will be \$29,385.00. **RESOLUTION #2017-001**
2. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2017, the annual salary for Township Clerk will be \$29,385.00. **RESOLUTION #2017-002**
3. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2017, the annual salary for Township Treasurer will be \$29,385.00. **RESOLUTION #2017-003**

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 41.95 (3), which provides that in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Lima Township deems it appropriate to adjust the salary of the Township Trustee with a 2% increase to ensure that compensation for this position remains equitable and corresponding with the duties of said elective office, now

4. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that as of April 1, 2017, the annual salary for each of the two Township Trustees will be \$3,377.00.
RESOLUTION #2017-004

**The foregoing resolutions offered by Supervisor Maier and supported by Clerk Bater
Upon roll call vote, the following voted "Aye": Laier, Bater, Maier, Havens, Luick
The following voted "Nay": None
Absent: None**

Supervisor declared resolutions adopted.

CONSIDERATION FOR 2% PAY INCREASE FOR ALL OTHER TOWNSHIP STAFF, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Trustee Laier moved, supported by Luick to increase wages and pay 2%, starting April 1, 2017, for all other township staff which includes hourly, appointed boards and commissions, and maintenance personnel. Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ADJOURN – Laier moved, supported by Luick to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Motion carried

**Respectfully Submitted,
Elaine Bater, Lima Township Clerk**