

**IMLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2017 - 7:30PM**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:** Supervisor Steve Hoeksema, Clerk Liz Makedonsky, Treasurer Melanie Priehs (arrived at 7:34pm), Trustee Carla Jepsen, Trustee Michael Guerin

**Members Absent:**

**Others Present:** None

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Supervisor Hoeksema called the meeting to order at 7:32pm after a roll call established a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Clerk Makedonsky asked to add Action Item 7 – Quarterly Budget Review to the agenda. Clerk Makedonsky moved to approve the agenda as amended; supported by Trustee Jepsen. **Motion carried.**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

None

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1. Cemetery** – Supervisor Hoeksema updated the Board on the clean-up of the shrubs in the cemetery, including damages done to Schutz's shredder due to unknown wires being in the shrubs. The progress of the shrub removal is moving along and looking very nice thus far. Trustee Jepsen updated on a meeting held by the Cemetery Advisory Committee. Many ideas were discussed at the meeting. Another meeting of this committee will be held prior to the next regular Board Meeting. Some members of the committee also seemed interested in working in the cemetery to clean up stones and to better the cemetery appearance.
- 2. Fire Millage** – Discussion was held about the ballot wording for an increase of the fire millage. Samples of ballot language were presented. The Board resolved to submit ballot language for a fire millage to be placed on the November 7, 2017 ballot. The resolution was offered by Trustee Guerin and supported by Treasurer Priehs. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Jepsen, Priehs, Makedonsky, Guerin, Hoeksema. Nays: None. Supervisor Hoeksema declared the resolution adopted. **\*\*See attached resolution\*\***
- 3. Recycling Bin Options** – Treasurer Priehs presented a few options for maintaining the recycling bin. Discussion was held. A few new signs will be placed in the recycling area to deter users from leaving recyclables on the ground. One sign suggestion was "Avoid elimination of this program – crush all recyclables before placing them in bin."
- 4. ZBA Accounting – Permit or General** – After a thorough discussion, it was determined the costs for the ZBA should be taken from Permit Fund. Clerk Makedonsky will need to watch the bills from the planner to make sure those expenses are also paid from Permit Fund.
- 5. Landscaper Enforcement** – Supervisor Hoeksema read through the section of the zoning ordinance pertaining to landscape businesses in areas zoned R-1. Discussion was held. The concerns being raised by residents will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for a

thorough review of the zoning ordinance pertaining to landscape businesses and to determine where the appropriate areas for these types of business are located within the township.

6. **Approve Payment for Well Pump** – The splash pad well pump was damaged due to bad weather. In order to get the splash pad back up and running quickly, Supervisor Hoeksema asked B& J Well Drilling to replace the pump as quickly as possible. An expense of \$3,218.00 was incurred. Trustee Jepsen made a motion to pay the invoice from B& J Well Drilling for \$3,218.00; supported by Trustee Guerin. **Motion carried.**
7. **Quarterly Budget Review** – Clerk Makedonsky presented the Quarterly Budget Review. Discussion held.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Water Fund – past due balances and shut off policy

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Clerk Makedonsky informed the Board that Champion Water had not yet paid their last water bill of \$1,934.56. Instead this payment was made to the Imlay City Chamber of Commerce for sponsorship of the Blueberry Festival. Clerk Makedonsky is working with Chamber director to get this sorted out as quickly as possible.

Clerk Makedonsky also mentioned the clerk's office hours will be adjusted in the near future due to a change in Clerk Makedonsky's availability schedule.

#### **ADJOURN**

Clerk Makedonsky motioned to adjourn the meeting; supported by Trustee Jepsen. Supervisor Hoeksema declared the meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Liz Makedonsky, Clerk

**IMLAY TOWNSHIP**  
**August 2, 2017**

**RESOLUTION SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF A NEW MILLAGE  
FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES  
TO THE TOWNSHIP ELECTORS**

WHEREAS, the township currently provides fire protection services throughout the township; and

WHEREAS, the township is concerned about its ability to not only maintain the current level of fire protection services that it provides but to provide enhanced fire protection services throughout the township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board believes that in order for the township to provide a level of fire protection services that best serves the needs of the township, additional funds of approximately \$57,900 per year would be required, and that those funds would have to be raised through imposition of a new millage of up to, but no more than, .60 mills (\$.60 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value); and

WHEREAS, the millage authority proposed by the township board must be approved by the electors of the township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be submitted to the electors of Imlay Township, Lapeer County, at the November 2017 general election to be held on the 7th day of November 2017, the following proposition:

**PROPOSITION TO LEVY MILLAGE  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FIRE  
PROTECTION SERVICES IN IMLAY TOWNSHIP**

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed each year for all purposes on real and personal property in Imlay Township be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX of the Michigan Constitution and the Board of Trustees authorized to levy a tax up to, but not to exceed, .60 mills (\$.60 cents per \$1,000.00), on the taxable value of such property for a period of 5 years, from 2018 through 2023 inclusive, that millage levy to be dedicated to providing funds to finance fire protection services? It is estimated that .60 mills would raise approximately \$57,900 in the first year of the levy.

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Imlay Township Board of Trustees hereby certifies to the Lapeer County Clerk the foregoing question as the appropriate ballot wording for the submission of this proposition to the electors of the township at the November 7, 2017 general election.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the election shall be held in accordance with Chapter XXVII, the General Election Law of the State of Michigan.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Imlay Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to carry out all statutory duties as set forth in the General Election Law of the State of Michigan as shall be necessary to implement this resolution and submit the proposition approved herein to the electors of the township at the November 7, 2017 general election.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Township of Imlay held on August 2, 2017, Trustee M. Guerin moved for adoption of the foregoing resolution and Treasurer M. Priens supported the motion.

Voting for: Jepsen, Priens, Makedonsky, Guerin, Hoeksema

Voting against: 0

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

  
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Steve Hoeksema  
Supervisor

  
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Elizabeth Makedonsky  
Clerk