

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WHITE LAKE
Draft Minutes of the Special Board of Trustees Meeting
August 29, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Kowall called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Clerk Noble called the Roll:

Present:

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Liz Smith, Trustee
Andrea Voorheis, Trustee
Michael Powell, Trustee

Absent:

Mike Roman, Treasurer
Scott Ruggles, Trustee

Also Present:

Daniel T. Keller, Chief of Police
Elaine Homeister, Finance Director
Hannah Micallef, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was **MOVED** Clerk Noble, seconded by Trustee Powell to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

A. **PRELIMINARY BUDGET – 2024**

Supervisor Kowall said the expenditures of the Departments were not radical due to the Township's conservative efforts in managing money. Water and Sewer were not included as those funds were on a separate budget, but they would be added before the final budget was adopted. Director Homeister said the smaller budgets were gathered to compile the presented preliminary budget, and she expected changes in the budget moving forward. There would be budget amendments in regards to the upcoming Township Hall and Public Safety buildings.

Trustee Powell asked if any of the enterprise funds would be contributing to the construction of the new buildings. Supervisor Kowall said that may be possible. Director Homeister said the 2022 Water, Sewer and Building budgets contributed funds towards the new construction.

Supervisor Kowall said he believed the final budget to be on par with what was provided this evening, save for additions of smaller projects needed throughout the Township.

Trustee Powell asked Director Homeister about the increase in revenue. Director Homeister said there was an anticipated revenue increase based on the trends presented. She added that the General Fund was never self-sustaining on property taxes, and property taxes were only 25% of the General Fund revenue source. The Police and Fire Department millages were 95% of their respective funding.

PUBLIC HEARING

A. **TO HEAR COMMENT REGARDING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES TO BE LEVIED ON THE WINTER TAX BILL**

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Clerk Noble to open the public hearing at 9:44 P.M. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes). (Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes, Kowall/yes, Noble/yes, Smith/yes).

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Smith to close the public hearing at 5:44 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

NEW BUSINESS

A. **RESOLUTION #23-029; TO APPROVE THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 2024 FISCAL YEAR**

Assessor Hieber said the millage rates were the same from last year, aside from the library's millage rate, which decreased. The Parks and Recreation millage would expire in December.

The millage rates were as followed:

- Allocated Operating .9039
- Voted Operating 1.0000
- Voted Police Millage 4.0371
- Voted Fire Millage 2.5532
- Voted Parks and Recreation Millage .2845
- Voted Library 1.0581
- Library Debt .3603

Total: 10.1971

It was **MOVED** by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Smith to approve Resolution #23-209; the millage rate for the 2024 fiscal year. The motion carried with a roll call vote: (5 yes votes). (Kowall/yes, Smith/yes, Noble/yes, Voorheis/yes, Powell/yes).

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Supervisor Kowall, seconded by Trustee Smith to adjourn at 5:47 P.M. The motion carried with a voice vote: (5 yes votes).

Rik Kowall, Supervisor
Charter Township of White Lake

Anthony L. Noble, Clerk
Charter Township of White Lake