

## Hollywood Township Special Town Meeting

Monday, May 22, 2023 – 7 PM

### Hollywood Township Shed

Present: Chair Mark Mueffels, Supervisors Jeff Neaton and Bruce Fillbrandt, Clerk Pam Henry-Neaton, Treasurer Mary Fillbrandt. Also present Township Employee Bruce Osborn.

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3) Chair Mark Mueffels spoke to the attendees and said they needed to stand, say their name and state what they want to say. People will not interrupt others. It is hard for the clerk to keep up with minutes when the attendees are all talking at once and not saying their name. He said this was the reason we are meeting tonight because of the way the last meeting went and we did not vote on the final total levy.
- 4) Call for nominations for moderator were done. Bob Scherman nominated Dean Scherman, seconded by Mark Scherman, MSC. Dean Scherman appointed to be moderator.
- 5) Moderator Dean Scherman read the following statement – “This meeting is about finalizing the 2024 levy from the Annual Meeting on March 14, 2023. Discussion cannot be outside the scope of the finalizing of the levy.”
- 6) The moderator read through each category of the levy:
  - a. **General** – Mark Scherman questioned why is it more than other townships. He was told that it includes costs of the building, etc.. Adam Hanson asked if the new doors were part of this category. He was told no – that money was from ARP monies (COVID). A statement was made by the clerk that the Annual Meeting was incomplete because there was no final levy voted on.
  - b. **Road and Bridge** – Mark Scherman said the money from the levy increase cannot be specified that only the board can do that. Clerk Henry-Neaton said the residents can suggest how the money is used but the township board makes the final decision. The way the Annual Meeting agenda is done is how it has been done for years but she would look into it and if it should be done a different way. Bob Scherman questioned why the levy was raised so high – Proposal from the board was at 13 and 16 % approximately but with the \$200,000 increase – it is a 63.7 % increase. Grading was discussed. He said with the dust control – it was stated at the Annual Meeting that the roads will only be graded once per year. He was told the board did not say that, that was a resident that said that. Judy Warner made motion to approve \$450,000 for Road and Bridge, it died for lack of second.  
Mark Scherman said why is another township approximately 20 cents less compared to our cost for dust coating? Jeff mentioned that maybe the cost

savings is due to that township having all their roads dust coated. Mark also said we do not do enough roads to warrant the lower cost.

Mark Luebke said we should try it the dust coating to see if it works or not.

i. **Capital Equipment** – no comments

c. **Fire** – no comments

Judy Warner made a motion to approve the levy for 2024 for \$687,000, seconded by Brian Luebke, Show of hands Ayes 23, Naves 8, MSC. (23-8-0).

Bob Scherman said the taxes will go up 63 %. Clerk Henry-Neaton said she had talked to the county and for each \$100,000 value of an house it will be about \$104. The county is not sure about farms.

Ron Kassulker made motion to adjourn, seconded by Jeremy Langaki, MSC

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

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Moderator Dean Scherman

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Clerk Pam Henry-Neaton