

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSHTEMO
Budget Workshop
September 26, 2017
4:00 PM

The Oshtemo Township Board Budget Workshop was held at the Township Hall. Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell called the meeting to order at approximately 4:15 PM.

PRESENT:

Supervisor Libby Heiny Cogswell
Clerk Dusty Farmer
Treasurer Nancy Culp
Trustee Deb Everett
Trustee Zak Ford
Trustee Dave Bushouse
Trustee Ken Hudok

Also present were Fire Chief Marc Barnes, Public Works Technician Jamie Baker, and one interested individual.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

No public comment.

Fire Department Budget

Fire Chief Barnes presented highlights of the proposed 2018 Fire Fund Operational Budget. The SAD income has increased by 3.57% and total operational expenditures have increased .3%.

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell advised the board that an internal group is still exploring additional funding options for the Fire Department.

Police Budget

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell shared that salary costs for contracted deputies is expected to increase 4.4%. Until the Township receives a report of true costs from the County, there is no recommendation from her office to increase the police contract.

Capital Improvement Plan

Supervisor Heiny-Cogswell presented the draft Capital Improvement Plan update, along with projected revenues and expenditures until 2023 prepared by Siegfried Crandall. The maps that are a part of the CIP are still under development and will be added prior to the final draft. It was noted that projected revenues beyond 2018 do not include likely or possible grant funding.

Employee Performance Review/General Increase

After discussing cost of living and merit for staff pay increases, the Board discussed the option of discontinuing cost of living increases, and annually reviewing regional factors that will be used to determine a percentage for merit increases, based on performance review from the Personnel Director.

Supervisor Heiny Cogswell adjourned the regular meeting of the Oshtemo Township Board at approximately 8:15 PM.

Prepared by: Dusty Farmer
Township Clerk