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REGULAR MEETING OF THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022 6:00PM

Location: Dexter Township Hall, 6880 Dexter-Pinckney Rd., Dexter, MI

CALL to ORDER: Supervisor Ratkovich called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE: Recited by all.

ROLL CALL: Present – Ratkovich, Stamboullis, Metz, Sanders, McDole, and Sikkenga.

Absent – Nolte.

Also present: Colleen Coogan, Woodhill Consulting; Chief Smith, Dexter Area Fire Department; and Janis Miller, Recording Secretary.

SUPERVISOR'S REMARK/CONFLICT OF INTERERST: No conflicts of interest.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA:

Motion by Metz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion second by Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried.

1st CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No public present to comment.

PRESENTATION and Discussion of the Dexter Area Fire Department Budget – Chief Smith:

Fire Chief Smith summarized the Budget Objectives for 2022: A) Budget Structure, B) Wages, C) Benefits, D) Staffing, and E) Operations. Chief Smith also addressed the Budget Concerns and Limitations for 2022: A) Wages and Benefits, B) Apparatus and Equipment, C) Facilities, D) Staffing, and E) Operations. The interlocal agreement (Dexter City, Webster Township, and Dexter Township) directs each year's budget to be allocated based on the number of fire runs incurred by each municipality. Dexter Township's portion of the Fire Budget is 40.47%, Dexter City's is 27.70%, and Webster Township's is 31.83% - all based on the run count. The interlocal agreement does not address long-term capital needs. The Chief has a modest sum set aside for capital expenditures due to grants received during a year that offset budgeted costs or other costs that have come in under budget. The Fire Millage is expiring in 2023. Chief Smith answered questions from the Dexter Township Board of Trustees.

PRESENTATION and Discussion of the International Fire Code – Chief Smith:

Fire Chief Smith stated that 5 chapters of the Fire Code mimics the Building Codes. The Fire Code is about governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and

from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises, and thereby providing penalties. Chief Smith has no authority at this time to enforce protections, inspect properties after a fire/explosion to determine their origin, or assess penalties. Adoption of the International Fire Code, by the three municipalities, would give him that authority.

REVIEW and Discussion of Supervisor Proposed Budget:

Colleen Coogan answered question from Board members in preparation for the budget adoption on March 15th.

2nd CALL TO THE PUBLIC: No public present to comment.

OTHER ISSUES, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF BOARD MEMBERS & STAFF:

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

A) Budget Approval

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Metz to adjourn the meeting. Motion second by Sanders. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Stamboulellis, Clerk

Dexter Township

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, THE DULY QUALIFIED CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF DEXTER, WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FORGOING IS A TRUE AND COMPLETE COPY OF CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS TAKEN BY THE DEXTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF MARCH 2022 AND THAT THE FORGOING MINUTES ARE THE APPROVED MINUTES FOR THE MEETING HELD ON THE 8, DAY OF MARCH 2022.

MICHELLE STAMBOULELLIS, CLERK, DEXTER TOWNSHIP