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MINUTES**CAPITAL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES****DECEMBER 20, 2021****CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Capital Township Board of Trustees met in the County Board Chambers, 2nd floor of County Building. The following members answered to roll call: Joe Aiello, Richard Berning, Brad Carlson, Bernadette Gordon, and Tammie Rockford, who was present by phone. Mark Crawford, was also present. Bruce Stratton was present as Legal Counsel.

A motion was made by Trustee Berning, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas - 0 Nays, for approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Rockford, to approve payment of the Supervisor/Collector/General Assistance Administration Expenditures, in the amount of \$750.00. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Berning, to approve payment of the Township Clerk/Township Assessor's Administration Expenditures, in the amount of \$3,121.18. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Berning, to approve the 2022 Schedule of Regular and Annual Board Meetings. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

A motion was made by Trustee Carlson, seconded by Trustee Berning, for approval of the 2021 payable 2022 Levy Ordinance. Supervisor Aiello explained the levy is the legal document they use to ask for the money from the taxpayers. They are asking for \$800,000. The document shows the expenses as they projected. Trustee Gordon asked for an explanation of the levy since this is the first time she has seen it. Mark Crawford explained this is how they will split up the money between the different line items. This will be on the taxpayer's property tax bills in May

of every year. Supervisor Aiello explained that each taxpayer in Capital Township would pay a portion of the \$800,000. At a previous meeting, they approved a budget that shows how they would spend the funds throughout the year in the different funds. They will spend some of that reserve fund for different projects, programs, and salaries. They will get that next year through around seven distributions from the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Crawford stated that property taxes are their main source of income. Supervisor Aiello stated another source of revenue for them is the replacement tax, which is around \$300,000 per year. Trustee Gordon asked what the property levy was. Mark Crawford stated from 2016-2017 they asked for \$2,050,000, and they did that for 2017, 2018 & 2019. In 2020, they reduced it by \$250,000 to \$1.8 million. Last year they asked for \$1.3 million. This year they are only asking for \$800,000, so they have been reducing it for the last three years. Supervisor Aiello stated he would send Trustee Gordon a copy of the budget. He explained why it has gone down in the past few years. They have operated more efficiently, have pooled their resources, reduced staff, and are not paying as much on the building. At some point, they will have to decide what to do with the old General Assistance building.

Trustee Berning stated they are also pulling money out of the reserve account because they have built up a certain amount and were able to do that. Supervisor Aiello explained the reserve fund was growing at a good rate. There are statutory requirements where the reserve funds cannot exceed certain amounts. They are not even close to that, but they decided to drive down the reserve fund. They were providing breakfast and lunch to the homeless at one point with the reserve funds.

Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays for the adoption of the levy.

SUPERVISOR'S UPDATE

Supervisor Aiello stated the new web page is up and running and they will continue to add to it. Everyone should have received an email with the link to the page. There are photos of each of you on the website along with your contact information. He also sent Justine to some Facebook training several months ago. They may look at adding some Facebook exposure or adding some of their information to Community Resources Facebook page.

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Aiello provided an update on changes to TIF District expenditures. Capital Township along with other taxing districts met and asked for some changes going forward. The City of Springfield agreed to their suggestions before they provided the TIF letter. The TIF District was extended another 12 years through legislative initiative and they are in the process of working with the Mayor's office to fill some of his commitments toward his promises to all the taxing bodies within the TIF District. They made some changes with the City's Economic Development Committee, which is the oversight committee for applications for TIF Districts along with some other projects. They are more concerned about TIF District expenditures going forward, he will keep you posted on this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Trustee Berning, seconded by Trustee Carlson, to adjourn the meeting to January 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. Upon a roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 0 Nays.

Don Gray
Town Clerk