

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Special Board Meeting – Dec. 7, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Preliminary Review & Budget approvals for ARPA fund projects
and other pertinent business

Meeting called to order at 4:06 p.m.

Pledge of allegiance

Present: Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson
Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

Absent: None

Visitors: Two (2)

Purpose: To further evaluate proposed assets or projects to be considered and funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and process budget approvals. This meeting could include any other pertinent business as needed. The community was invited to attend.

Agenda: A motion was made by Powell to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

ARPA funds

The ARPA funds can be spent upon receipt and must be obligated by December 31, 2024, but funds are not required to be used or obligated before then. Funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

The township has now received both the first and second “tranche” payment. Including interest, the current balance in the fund, after withdrawals to date, is \$252,864.72.

Public Comments: None

New Business: Estimate from Mack Electric and IT Solutions for \$4,500 for 21 fixtures wired and installed for the Fire Bay. Replacing lighting to LED. This cost can be reduced to \$3,833 with rebate.

Estimate for replacement from Mack Electric and IT Solutions for \$2,200 to convert all the Office/Hall lights to LED. This cost can be reduced to \$1,704.00 with rebate.

A motion was made by Warren to proceed with the two estimates to replace the lighting to LED. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Estimate for adding two TV’s mounted in the Clerk’s office and the Treasurer’s office that are connected to the security system. Discussion included added also adding an additional one in Fire Chief’s office. We will need to ask for an update to that estimate.

Estimate for adding a TV, mount and HDMI cable. The cost of the TV is about \$2,000. It was discussed that we might want to look at the cost of TV’s ourselves and ask about him still installing for us. Deana will look at King’s in Hastings for cost comparison.

Pavilion: Need to start to get estimates for paving and walkways.

Fire Dept.: New Members: Johnny Hicks and Gavin Poley to be hired effective December 1, 2022. Getting this done now will allow for setting up the medicals to start the hiring process. Johnny and Gavin will be present at the next board meeting for their interview with the board.

A motion was made by Warren to approve the hiring and proceed with physicals for employment of Johnny Hicks and Gavin Poley effective December 1, 2022. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 p.m. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl
Supervisor



Sheri Babcock, Clerk

APPROVED