

Becker Township Board
Special Town Board Workshop and Board of Audit Meeting
March 5, 2018

Board Members Present: Brian Kolbinger, Brad Wilkening, Gary Gilbert, Joe Danielson, Luke Babler
Lucinda Messman, Tanya Danielson

Board Members Absent: none

Staff members present: none

Others present: none

Meeting called to order by Chair Kolbinger at 6:12 p.m., quorum verified.

Board reviewed clerk and treasurers schedule 1 reports. All beginning and ending overall balances match. Total receipts received and disbursements made match between the two financial records. [full details in Board of Audit Report – attached]. There were some discrepancies in fund balances. These were due to data entry errors in receipts. Clerk and Treasurer will review and correct.

Levy discussed. Treasurer reviewed prior year's costs in regards to the General Fund.

- Overall most levy items can remain the same, however, the general fund needs attention. Currently it is levied at 40,000 per year. This is not sustainable due to increased wages (increased services/maintaining office hours, etc.), donations, increased assessment fees, and general overall increases.
- We have been using excess funds from prior years rather than raise the levy, but those funds have been exhausted. 25% of the Permit Funds are transferred into general to cover a portion of the excess costs, but changing the general fund levy to 80,000 is recommended.

Other levy discussion items

- Township is growing rapidly. Population is over 5,400 now. MS4 requirements will likely soon be mandated. Expected to cost at least \$50,000.
- Road and Bridge budget discussed at the road and bridge budget workshop still looks good and plan to keep the same. Road and Bridge levy to remain at 800,000.
- Clerk asked to do a new tax based pie chart for annual meeting based on revised numbers.

Reminder from Supervisor Danielson – there will be a Highway 10 open house at Becker City Hall on April 18, 2018. Clerk to find out details to put on website.

Levy to remain the same for all items except general fund. General fund levy to change to 80,000. This will bring our overall levy to 1,005,000.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Brian Kolbinger, Chair

Lucinda Messman, Clerk