

FRIENDSHIP TOWNSHIP
BUDGET HEARING AND BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.
Friendship Township Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Troup.

Board members present: Mac Gregor, Troup, Negley and Van Divner. Absent: Cullip

Agenda approved as presented.

Minutes of March 6 meeting stood approved as presented.

Budget discussion.

Treasurer's report received.

Troup moved, Mac Gregor seconded, PASSED, to approve proposed Budget Expenditures for presentation at Budget Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET 7:43 PM to 7:45 PM no comments

Van Divner moved, Mac Gregor seconded, PASSED, to purchase township insurance from Highstreet Insurance for coming year, May 11, 2024 to May 11, 2025. (4-0)

Van Divner moved, Negley seconded, PASSED, to move \$700 to IRS/Pension line item and \$207 to Board of Review, total \$907 from Contingency (4-0).

Mac Gregor moved, Negley seconded, PASSED, to recommend denial of David Mitchell request for variance to side yard setback as there is no hardship. (4-0)

Van Divner moved, Mac Gregor seconded, PASSED by unanimous roll call vote, to levy 2 mills for township operating.

Van Divner moved, Negley seconded, PASSED by unanimous roll call vote, to approve and adopt Resolution 2024-03 entitled 2024-25 General Appropriations Act and appropriate funds as indicated, which reads as follows:

The Friendship Township Board resolves:

SECTION 1: Title--This resolution shall be known as the Friendship Township 2024-25 General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 2: Public Hearing on the Budget--Pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and .413, notice of public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on March 20, 2024, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on March 27, 2024.

SECTION 3: Millage Levy--The Friendship Township Board shall cause to be levied and collected the general property tax on all real and personal property within the Township upon the current tax roll an allocated millage of 2 mills township operations (2nd mill dedicated to road construction/maintenance).

SECTION 4: Payment of Bills—Pursuant to MCLA 41.75, all claims (bills) against the Township shall be approved by the Friendship Township Board prior to being paid. The Township Clerk and Treasurer may pay certain bills prior to approval by the Township Board to avoid late penalties, service charges and interest (primarily utilities) and payroll in accordance with the approved salaries and hourly rates adopted in this appropriations act. The Township Board shall receive a list of claims (bills) paid prior to approval for approval at the next Board meeting.

SECTION 5: Authorized salary, per diem and hourly rates—included are amounts of the salary, per diem and hourly rates for the officials and employees of the Township as follows:

Supervisor	17,700 per year
Clerk	21,600 per year
Treasurer	17,700 per year
Trustee	3,960 each per year
Home Office Rent	500 / yr for Sup, Clerk, Treas, and Assr
Dep Cl, Tr, Sup	23.00 per hour
Assessor	26,460 per year
Caretaker, asst crtkr	26.00 per hr
	60.00 per hr w/ lawn machines
Cemetery Sexton	26.00 per hr, 135.00 cremain
Grave opening	600.00 per grave opening, 150.00 per cremain
Board of Review	22.00 per hour
Election workers	22.00 per hour
Election chair	23.00 per hour
Per Diem-	
Seminar	100 for ½ day, 170 for full day

Mileage

IRS approved amount

SECTION 6: Estimated Revenues and Expenditures—Estimated total revenues and expenditures for the various funds of Friendship Township are:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>CARRYOVER</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>
General	585,356.99	226,875	367,235
Road	124,589.52	110,000	120,000
Recreation	18,922.52	10	2,200
Cap Outlay	35,249.98	20,040	30,000
		(ARPA 20,000)	

SECTION 7: Specific Appropriations—There is appropriated in the Capitol Outlay Fund for a kitchen cabinet, carpet, storage room update, election equipment and document storage, new storage shed and parking for firemen at fire hall. Road construction projects include: ½ mile E Wressel Rd 1 ½” asphalt, seal and fog Boynton rd, Fisher Rd, Wressel Rd, west of State Rd. Township road allocation from Emmet County Road Commission for 2024 is \$18,990.

Van Divner moved, Mac Gregor seconded, PASSED, that trustee board meetings for 2024-25 fiscal year will be the first Wednesday of each month except January will be Thursday, January 2nd.

Van Divner moved, Mac Gregor seconded, PASSED, to use First Community Bank and/or St Francis Credit Union as township’s financial institutions.

Mac Gregor reviewed checks and bills.

Public Comment – none

Mac Gregor moved, Troup seconded, PASSED by unanimous roll call vote, to pay bills. Checks # 5319–5337 were written in the amount of \$ 17,595.45.

There will be no April meeting. Next meeting will be May 1, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Janell Van Divner, Clerk