

ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP

JULY 12, 2022

BUDGET HEARING:

The 2023 Budget Hearing was held prior to the regular monthly financial meeting. Brian moved to accept the 2023 Budget as presented, Sam second. All in favor.

FINANCIAL MEETING:

The following is a recap of the some of the checks paid prior to the meeting:

Truck Payments \$2,986.52

Payroll \$21,401.49

Utilities \$942.94

The Trustees signed the current bills and PO's.

REGULAR MEETING

Sam Grafton called the regular meeting to order with Roll Call:

Sam Grafton: Here

Ralph (Bub) Grimm: Here

Brian Applegarth: Here

The Fiscal Officer was absent, due to illness. Brian Applegarth took notes.

Bub moved to accept the previous months minutes. Brian second. All in favor.

Bub moved to approve the financials, Brian second. All in favor.

ROB HERRINGTON

Rob explained that we've been having on going discussions regarding a Levy.

They had 2 meetings to go over existing levies & figured out the need for a new levy. There are currently 5 mills of different variations, they are asking the Trustees to put on a 6-mill levy. And if it passes take out the current 5 mills. They based this on the Fire percentages staying the same and the EMS on call volume, they would each get paid per call volume.

That was the fairest way. One of the things we need to explain to the public, is the amount the Township paid out with the American Relief Act Money, for the short fall of the levies because of the low effective rates. And the Township doesn't receive the American Relief every year. Most

Townships don't do continuous any more, they do the 5-year renewal, because you end up with the low effective rates. Rob explained that all the agencies agreed to this proposal with Rob being the spokesperson on the proposed levy.

They originally wanted to do a replacement Levy, this couldn't be done because each current levy is worded differently and under Ohio Law, we would have to do each one separately. This could have been confusing to the public.

MR. LONGO

Mr. Longo ask if we were replacing a total 2.5 EMS, and a total 3.5 fire levy to a new 6 mill. He ask what that would generate. Rob estimates the 2.5 EMS would generate \$350,000.00. And the Fire \$490,000.00. Rob explained that they looked at the operating expense from the other areas they serve. Right now, he is serving Island Creek on somebody else's money. Mr. Longo explained that he has a scanner and it seems to him that the majority of the calls are EMS calls. He ask if it wouldn't be better to have a higher ratio to the EMS Levy? Rob explained that an ambulance cost \$185,000.00 and a Fire Engine cost \$850,000.00 and on the fire side there is more radios and the operation cost is higher than the EMS. The EMS gets some offset from insurance billing. On the fire you can bill up to \$500.00 to insurances in the State of Ohio. Rob also explained that their fund raising is dead right now.

Mr. Longo ask about the Toronto Fire Department coverage. Rob & Brian Applegarth are working on that. They may cover 1 percent.

A resident ask about how this would affect their taxes. Rob explained that they will have all that soon from the auditor's office. Rob was willing to stay after to answer questions.

MR. BROCKWAY-TOWNSHIP ROAD 381

Mr. Brockway wants to know what's going on with the 381 slip. Sam explained that the denial came yesterday and we will be searching for answers. We have emailed Hoagland's Office and OPWC for funding ideas. Mr. Brockway ask what the reason for the denial was? Sam read FEMA's responds of the applicant did not demonstrate that the claimed work is required due to the declared incident.

Mr. Longo ask about the money. Sam explained that we never get the money until the work is complete. We did get the original slip approved. We felt and the County also felt that the original slip grew and FEMA should revalue the entire slip and pay for that repair also. Sam explained the process, and why we didn't repair the original slip.

Mr. Longo ask about the American Relief Act Money. We will look in to that. It could be an option, but may not be. Mr. Brockway ask about getting it open. Sam is meeting with the County to see what we can be done.

ISSUE TWO

Issue two money is being used for Archery Club. The bids came in higher than expected and we will be meeting next week with the County to discuss the funding.

PARK SHELTER HOUSE

Bub explained an estimate received from Cattrells: for the main shelter \$10,800.00 and for the Bathroom part \$8,300.00. This is to put in a ceiling to keep the birds out. Cattrells was the only estimate received. It was agreed to get a few more estimates.

RICHMOND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Brian Hare was present and they agreed to sign the contract to the end of the year with the changes made. He did have some questions regarding the billing and the next contract.

And it was worded as if the Township ran their own district. Sam Explained that he, as Trustee would never agree to a Township Fire District. There was some basic language that needs address, and disclosure on the EMS reports. Bub suggested we just need a call report.

Bub moved to sign the Richmond Contract, Brian second, all in favor.

Bub made a motion to pay Richmond \$26,500.00 of American Relief Act money.

Brian second. All in favor.

A resident ask about what American Relief Act Money each agency got. Rob explained that it was based on call volume percentage.

LEVY RESOLUTION

Brian moved to pass the Resolution declaring the necessity of a FIRE/EMS Resolution as written:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF LEVYING A TAX EXCEEDING THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03 (B)

The Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio, met in regular session on the _____ day of _____, 2022, at the office of Island Creek Township with the following members present:

_____ moved the adoption of the following Resolution,
with _____ seconded the same:

WHEREAS, Island Creek Township provides Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services to the Citizens of Island Creek Township, contracted through Fire and EMS Departments,

WHEREAS, The amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten (10) mill limitation by levies on the current tax duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements of said Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio. And it will be necessary to levy an additional six (6) mill levy for a period of 5 years for the purpose set forth in Ohio Revised Code section 5705.19 (I); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Division (B) of Section 5705.03 of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax pursuant to section 5705.191 of the Revised Code, this Board requests that the Jefferson County Auditor certify, (1.) The total current tax valuation of the Township and (2) the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the levy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ISLAND CREEK TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1: The Board determines that it is necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation for the benefit of the Township, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, under water rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings, and sites therefore or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or

742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related cost in the Township pursuant to revised code section 5705.19 (I) excluding the Village of Wintersville and the City of Toronto.

SECTION 2. The Jefferson County auditor is hereby requested, pursuant to section 5705.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, to certify to the Board of Island Creek Township the total current tax valuation of the Township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a six (6) Mill ADDITIONAL Levy,

SECTION 3. The above referenced proposed levy, an additional, would be for a period of five (5) years to be placed upon the ballot of the General Election, to be held on November 8, 2022. This ballot measure for Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, would exclude the Village of Wintersville and the City of Toronto. The purposed levy shall be first levied in tax year 2022 to be first collected in Calendar year 2023, if the majority of the electors of Island Creek Township vote in favor of.

SECTION 4. That the Fiscal Officer of Island Creek Township is authorized and directed to certify and promptly deliver a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor and the Board of Elections of Jefferson County, Ohio.

SECTION 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of Board of Trustees of Island Creek Township, Jefferson County, Ohio concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open for the public, and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code 121.22.

SECTION 6.
That this Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption.

RESOLVED, that the Fiscal Officer of Island Creek Township be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Jefferson County, Ohio and to notify said Board of Elections to cause notice of election on the question of levying said tax to be given as required by law.

Bub second, All in favor.

ROAD FOREMAN-Brian Sayers

Brian explained some equipment issue. The main issue being with the road grader. The Brush Hog also came apart. Don Mossor explained what the issue could be, but until its apart we don't know. Bub ask Don if he could do the work? Yes, he can, he did research on the engine. It could cost over \$10,000.00. Bub makes a motion to send to Donnie's to see what he can find out, Sam second. All in favor.

OBSOLETE RECORDS

The fiscal Officer is requesting to the State, to destroy obsolete records. The form will be sent in for approval.

OVERLOOK HILLS-BELL PROPERTY

Sam ask Rob for an update. Rob explained that tomorrow is the 30-day deadline from the Health Department. Mr. Bell has not responded to the letter and is living in the gazebo in the front yard. Mental Health was there two weeks ago, and again he is no threat. The demolition part should proceed. The gentlemen that has the lien on the property has taken action to take control of the property, so that would solve the problem of Mr. Bell staying there.

SIGNS

Sam explained the new signs going up. This was a sign grant that Bub worked on and got through the State. Bub explained that every place you see a new sign there was a wreck and that's how we got the grant.

MR. BROCKWAY-TOWNSHIP ROAD 382

Mr. Brockway ask about 382 being graded and the culverts taken out. He feels that's why 381 slipped. Bub explained we will take a look at it and fix what needs done.

Bub moved to accept the following Supplemental appropriations:

TO: 2021-330-2111-0000 PERS \$200.00 (payroll)

FROM: 2021-330-323-0000 Repairs and maintenance

TO: 1000-760-720-0000 Buildings \$3870.00 (garage door repaired)

FROM: 10000-420-370-0000 Payment to another subdivision

Brian second, All in favor.

Bub moved to accept the following as legal obligation of the Township,
Brian second, all in favor.

Bub moved to adjourn, Brian second, All in favor.

CHAIRMAN

FISCAL OFFICER