



Saugatuck Township Board Workshop Minutes 5/18/2022

The Saugatuck Township Board of Trustees met May 18, 2022 in person.

1) **Call to Order** at 11 a.m. by Supervisor Osman

2) **Roll Call**

Present: C. Osman, S. Aldrich, J. Helmrich, A. Bigford, B. Marcy

Also Present: D. DeFranco, Manager

3) **Public Comments**

No Public Comments.

4) **Approval of Agenda**

A **Motion** was made by Aldrich to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Marcy. The motion passed by C. Osman, S. Aldrich, J. Helmrich, A. Bigford, B. Marcy

5) **Review of June Budget Amendment**

DeFranco reviewed a draft of the Year-end Budget Amendments to be presented to the Board for approval at the Regular Board Meeting on June 8, 2022.

6) **Review of Strategic Goals**

DeFranco reviewed the Board's 2021-2022 Strategic Action Plan to lay the foundation for how the budget was developed to support these goals.

7) **Budget Discussion**

DeFranco presented Board with a draft of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, highlighting significant budget line items for Board discussion. Board discussed the proposed 7% COLA for staff compensation and expressed approval. Marcy inquired about compensation adjustments for elected officials, noting that competitive elective official compensation could serve as an incentive for individuals to run for elected positions in the future. Board discussed extending Per Diem compensation to Township representatives on the Harbor Authority and Kalamazoo Lake Sewer and Water Authority Board. Aldrich expressed interest in dedicating funds for enforcement of Zoning Ordinance. With respect to the idea of establishing a Conservation Commission, Bigford inquired if the Township could take intermediate steps towards conservation efforts prior to establishing a Conservation Commission. DeFranco said he had been discussing with the Township Attorney the process of amending the ballot language for the Road Millage, up for renewal in November, to allow the Township to utilize Road Funds on non-motorized trails. Board supported this idea, and requested DeFranco continue to work with the Attorney on amending ballot language for Road Millage. Board agreed to schedule "Truth in Taxation" Hearing at the Board's Regular Meeting in June. Bigford requested that any significant alterations to the draft Budget be highlighted at the June Board Meeting.



8) ARPA Discussion

Board discussed how ARPA funds are planned to be used in the Budget for FY 22-23.

9) Public Comments

None

10) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.



Motions

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Respectfully,

D. DeFranco, Township Manager

I Abby Bigford, Township Clerk, certify that these minutes were approved on June 8, 2022 by the Township Board.

Township Clerk

Date