

Paradise Township Budget Hearing and Special Meeting

March 25, 2009

7:00 p.m.

2300 E. M-113, Kingsley, MI 49649

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Dean at 7:08 pm.

Members Present: Dean Y, Gulliver Y, King Y, Trudell Y, Whims arrived at 7:16 pm.

- 1. Closed session Correction: We the Paradise Township Board acknowledge that we inadvertently went into closed session at our March 11, 2009 regular board meeting when we should not have. Any action taken during that session is invalid and will be addressed during the budget discussion of the Zoning/Planner salary.**

Closed Regular meeting at 7:10 pm

Open Budget hearing at 7:12 pm

2. Truth in Taxation Hearing:

A. King/Trudell motion to open the public hearing on the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Paradise Township Operation at 7:12pm: Carried 4/0

B. There being no public input relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Paradise Township Operation, the hearing is now closed and returned to the special meeting at 7:13 pm.

Motion by: Dean/Gulliver: Carried: 4/0.

C. Motion to hold Truth-in-Taxation Hearing relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Paradise Township Operation:

Motion by: King/Gulliver:

Roll Call: Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Abs

Yeas 4 Nays 0 Carried: 4/0.

D. Trudell/King: motion to open the public hearing on the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy Fire Protection Services at 7:14 pm: Carried 4/0.

E. There being no public input relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services, the hearing is now closed and returned to the special meeting at 7:14 pm Motion by Gulliver/Dean: Carried 4/0.

F. Motion to hold Truth-in-Taxation Hearing relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Fire Protection Services as provided through Intergovernmental Agreement establishing Grand Traverse Fire Department-Rural Division.

Motion by: Trudell /King

Roll Call: King Y, Trudell Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Dean Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0

G. King/Whims motion to open the public hearing on the Truth-in-Taxation Hearing relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Contracted Ambulance Services provided by Kingsley Volunteer Ambulance Association at 7:17 pm: Carried 5/0.

H. There being no public input relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Contracted Ambulance Services, hearing is now closed and returned to the special meeting at 7:18 pm Motion by Dean Seconded by Gulliver: Carried 5/0.

I. Motion to hold Truth-in-Taxation Hearing relative to the Ad Valorem Tax Levy for Contracted Ambulance Services provided by Kingsley Volunteer Ambulance Association.

Motion by: Trudell Seconded by: Dean

Roll Call: Dean Y, Whims Y, Gulliver Y, Trudell Y, King Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0

2. Public Hearings on 2009-2010 Proposed Budgets:

A. General Fund Budget

1. Motion to open the public hearing on the Paradise Township 2009-2010 General Fund Budget at 7:19 p.m.: Motion by: Whims/Dean: Carried 5/0.

2. There being no public comment on the budget; declare public hearing closed at 7:19 p.m. and return to the special meeting. Motion by: Gulliver/King: Carried 5/0.

3. Board Discussion on the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget followed by motion to Adopt the 2009-2010 General Fund Budget as presented and reviewed.

Motion by: Gulliver/King:

Roll Call: Trudell Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, King Y, Whims Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0

B. Parks & Recreation Budget

1. Motion to open the public hearing on the Paradise Township 2009-2010 Parks & Recreation Budget at 7:35p.m.: Motion by: Whims/Dean: Carried 5/0.

2. All public input being heard the public hearing is now closed and returned to the special meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion by: Dean/King: Carried 5/0.

3. Board Discussion on the 2009-2010 Parks & Recreation followed by motion to Adopt the 2009-2010 Parks & Recreation Budget as presented and reviewed.

Motion by: Dean/Trudell:

Roll Call: King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0

C. Fire Budget

1. Motion to open the public hearing on the Paradise Township 2009-2010 Public Safety Budget at 7:40 p.m.: Motion by: Gulliver/Whims: Carried 5/0.

2. All public input being heard the public hearing is now closed and return to the special meeting at 7:41 p.m. Motion by: Whims/King: Carried 5/0.

3. Board Discussion on the 2009-2010 Fire Budget followed by motion to Adopt the 2009-2010 Fire Budget as presented and reviewed.

Motion by King/Gulliver:

Roll Call Vote: Trudell Y, Whims Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, King Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0

D. Ambulance Budget

1. Board Discussion on the 2009-2010 Ambulance Budget followed by motion to Adopt the 2009-2010 Ambulance Budget as presented and reviewed. Motion by: Dean/King:

Roll Call Vote: Dean Y, King Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y, Gulliver Y:

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

3. General Business:

A. Motion to Retain 1 Mil from the 1.5 Mil limitations for Township operation:

Motion by Dean/Trudell

Roll Call: Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y:

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0

B. Motion to collect 1% tax administration fee during the 2009 tax season to offset the cost of collection, assessing, printing and postage of taxes.

Motion by: King/Gulliver

Roll Call: Whims Y, Dean Y, King Y, Gulliver Y, Trudell Y:

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

C. Motion to retain Northwestern Savings Bank, Forest Area Federal Credit Union, Fifth, Third Bank and Traverse City State Bank as depositories for Township funds:

Motion by: Trudell/Gulliver:

Roll Call: Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0

E. Motion to adopt the 2009-2010 fiscal year meeting date calendar for Regular Meetings of the Paradise Township Board, to be held at the Township Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

April 8, 2009, May 13, 2009, June 10, 2009, July 8, 2009, August 12, 2009, September 9, 2009, October 14, 2009, November 11, 2009, December 9, 2009, January 13, 2010, February 10, 2010 and March 10, 2010. Special Meetings the first Wednesday of the Month as needed.

Motion by: Whims/King

Roll Call: Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

Dean/Whims: motion to change April 8, 2009 meeting date to April 15, 2009: Carried 5/0.

F. Motion to adopt the 2009-2010 meeting date calendar for all Paradise Township Board Committees and Commissions as follows; Planning Commission meetings the first Thursday of each month, Parks and Recreation Committee/Mayfield Pond Park meetings the fourth Tuesday March-November, Cemetery May and September, Zoning Board of Appeals scheduled as needed, Board of Review scheduled every March to appeal evaluations & classifications, scheduled every July for clerical errors & mutual mistake of fact, scheduled every December for clerical errors & mutual mistake of fact.

Motion by: Whims/Dean

Roll Call: Dean Y, Gulliver Y, King Y, Trudell Y, Whims Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

G. Motion to the 2009-2010 mileage rate at the current IRS rate.

Motion by: King/Trudell.

Roll Call: Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

4. Wage and Salary

A. Motion to set the per meeting rate for the Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, and Parks/Recreation, Mayfield Pond Park, Cemetery Committee at \$35 for board members and \$40 for the Chairperson and Secretary:

Motion by: Dean/Whims;

Roll Call: Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- B. Motion to set the hourly wage for Board of review at a rate of \$12 per hour and Election workers at a rate of \$12 per hour:**

Motion by: King/Gulliver:

Roll Call: Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- C. Resolution # 09-03-25A to set the Township Clerk annual rate of pay at \$ 16,000 per year:**

Motion by: Gulliver/Dean:

Roll Call: Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Gulliver Y, Dean Y:

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- D. Resolution #09-03-25B to set the Township Supervisor annual rate of pay at \$ 16,000:**

Motion by: Gulliver/King

Roll Call: King Y, Trudell Y, Dean Y, Whims Y, Gulliver Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- E. Resolution #09-03-25C to set the Township Treasurer annual rate of pay at \$16,000 / \$21,500 if two tax collections per year:**

Motion by: Gulliver/Dean:

Roll Call: Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Gulliver Y, Dean Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- F. Resolution #09-03-25D to set the Township Trustees annual rate of pay at \$ 3500**

Motion by: Gulliver/Dean:

Roll Call: Dean Y, King Y, Gulliver Y, Trudell Y, Whims N.

Yeas 4 Nays 1 Carried: 4/1.

- G. Motion to set the Zoning Administrator/Planner salary at \$36,000 per year with a review at the June Regular Township Board Meeting.**

Motion by: Trudell/Whims:

Roll Call: Dean Y, Gulliver N, Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y.

Yeas 4 Nays 1 Carried: 4/1.

- I. Motion to set the Office Administrator wage at \$ 11.00 per hour:**

Motion by: Whims/King.

Roll Call: King Y, Trudell Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- J. Motion to set the Recording Secretary wage at \$ 11.00 per hour:**

Motion by: Whims/Trudell.

Roll Call: Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- K. Motion that the Deputy Treasurer annual pay be set at \$1000 per year.**

Motion by: Dean/Whims;

Roll Call: Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

- L. Motion that the Deputy Clerk annual pay be set at \$1000 per year.**

Motion by: Dean/King.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

M. Motion to pay the caretaker of Mayfield Pond Park a wage of \$1500 per year.

Motion by: Dean/Trudell.

Roll Call: King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

F. All Budgets:

1. Motion to authorize expenditures of funds from the Paradise Township 2009-2010 Operating Budgets for General Fund, Parks & Recreation, Fire, Ambulance.

Motion by: King/Gulliver:

Roll Call: Dean Y, Gulliver Y, Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

5. Any other business:

Motion by: Dean/Trudell to approve paying outstanding bills for the month of March 2009 as presented.

Roll Call: Whims Y, Trudell Y, King Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

Motion by: King/Dean to amend the 2008-2009 General Fund Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Trudell Y, Whims Y, Dean Y, Gulliver Y, King Y.

Yeas 5 Nays 0 Carried: 5/0.

6. Public Input: Public comment on the process used to determine the Zoning Administrator Planner Salary.

7. Motion to adjourn: Motion by: Whims/King.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Lisa K. Gulliver Clerk