

Perry Township
Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing
March 2, 2022

Present: Mark Fulks, Supervisor; Kelly Schmidt, Clerk; Troy Parmalee, Treasurer; Mark Fraser and Frances Griffith, Trustees, Mikyla Sweet, Duane Wood, John Slocum, Monique VanAgen, Larry Slocum, John Plowman, Travis Smith.

The Annual Meeting was opened at 7:01 pm with the pledge to the flag.

The **March 2, 2022 agenda was approved.** Parmalee Moved; Fraser seconded. All ayes Carried

The **March 3, 2021 Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing Minutes** were approved Fraser Moved; Griffith seconded. All ayes Carried.

The **Supervisor gave his yearend report.**

Perry Township continues to be in sound financial standing. The Township Board works very well together and we are all working towards keeping Perry Township in good, sound fiscal condition as well as provide outstanding service to the residents.

During this last fiscal year, Perry Township had a Fiscal Budget of \$554,500.00 and we were able to come in under Budget despite the ongoing pandemic COVID-19 conditions we have had to contend with. Our revenue sharing from the State of Michigan was above what we had anticipated despite the economic and social conditions that existed in 2021. In fact, we were anticipating a dip in funding but we were happy with the \$349,000 received from the State of Michigan. Additional ARPA Federal relief funding came into the Township in the form of two checks for \$172,703.00 and \$695.36 for the first of two payments for the year 2021.

We also completed all the road projects which were approved by the Township Board including asphalt and gravel road maintenance projects through the Township totaled \$174,000. The Township repaved Locke Road from M-52 west through the curve in the amount of \$145,000. Also, the culvert was replaced on Locke Road for \$3,600.00 and Locke Road from Lovejoy Road north to the curve (.5 mile) was chip sealed for \$15,800.00. Gravel was applied to Church Road from Lansing Road to the Antrim Township line; Miller Road from Ruess Road to M-52 was re-graveled and shared cost with Bennington Township. Two applications of Mineral Well Brine were applied on several gravel roads thru the Township. The Managing Director, Brent Friess retired this last year from the Road Commission and Chris Cannon was appointed as Managing Director. He has been in the Road Commission for many years and is working very well with the Township.

The 2021 Perry Township audit was conducted and deemed acceptable.

The Perry Township DDA Board re-appointed Kris Morse and Adam Elsesser to a new 4-year term. The Township and City of Perry are continuing to seek the Federal Grant Application for a possible 80/20 cost share for the extension of the city water line from the City of Perry near the Family Dollar store east along old Lansing Road to Bennett Drive and south along Bennett Drive and west along Britton Road and tie back into the water system near the High School. Our SEDP (Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership) is continuing to assist us with the application process. It was submitted in early 2021 however funds ran out before it could be acted upon. A new grant application is in the process of being submitted for EDA approval. Additional funds are also available from State of Michigan MEDC and the SEDP is also assisting us with this. Consumers Energy gave the DDA Board their cost estimate for metal poles and LED lighting along the West side of Lansing Road from M-52 to Signature Ford in our DDA District as well as areas in the City of Perry. The cost estimate was considerably larger than the Lighting Project that was completed along the East side of Lansing Road. This project was put on hold by the DDA Board due to the Water Line Project funding cost requirement.

It was a very busy and productive year for us, especially with the continuation of the COVID-19 conditions we all have had to deal with. Our Township Clerk and all the election workers did an excellent job with the special school election in November, 2021 during the Covid pandemic.

The Board of Review met during its normal schedule in March, 2021 however, it was conducted both in person and via ZOOM to allow the public to be engaged in the process. All the BOR training was conducted via Zoom in 2021.

We, at the Township, were available during business hours though out this 2021 year with limited access to the front office with the COVID-19 protocol in place throughout the year.

Public Comments: None

Salary Resolutions: The resolution as acted upon by the Township Board, to increase the salary of the Supervisor to \$20,500. Parmalee moved; Griffith seconded All ayes by hand vote; Opposed: none Carried.

Increase the Clerk to \$20,500 Fraser moved; Parmalee seconded All ayes by hand vote; Opposed: none Carried

Increase the Treasurer to \$20,500 Fraser moved; Griffith seconded All ayes by hand vote; Opposed: none Carried

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded. Carried.

The Budget Hearing was opened at 7:11 pm.

Parmalee explained the 2022-2023 budgets

The State revenue is up from last year. Property taxes are up slightly. There was an increase to the elections budget for 2 elections this year. There was an increase to the cemetery budget. The Building & Grounds budget was increased on line items salaries, utilities, street lights, hall deposit and capital outlay for the reconstruction of the hall parking lot. There was an increase in the wages for the supervisor, clerk treasurer, deputies, custodian and board positions. All other budgets were similar to last year. Under Highway & Street the budget was decreased.

The DDA budget was adopted using last years budget numbers and will be subject to the DDA's review and approval.

The Budget Hearing was opened to public comments hearing none. Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded to close the hearing at 7:16 pm. All ayes Carried

The 2022-2023 Budget and Ordinance to Establish a General Appropriations Act for Perry Township was Approved with one mill as reduced by the Headlee Role Back to be levied. Parmalee moved; Griffith seconded. Roll Call: Parmalee, Fulks, Fraser, Griffith, Schmidt. All ayes Carried. None opposed.

The Budget Hearing was adjourned at Parmalee moved; Fraser seconded Carried
Kelly Schmidt, Clerk