

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC HEARING

FOR THE 2019-2020 BUDGET MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019-5:30 PM

Supervisor Cox called the Public Hearing to order, leading all those present in The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call of those in attendance; Supervisor John Cox; Clerk, Mandy Lake; Treasurer Joan Dalman; Trustee, Jerry Niemi; Deputy Clerk, Mable Wanink. Also in attendance were Rob Drier and new City of Wakefield Manager, Robert Brown.

BREIF EXPLANTION OF THE BUDGET:

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP GOALS FOR 2019-20

- Continue to provide support to all current and future businesses in Wakefield Township
- Concentrate on opening the ATV trail near Old US-2
- Devote township funds and work as partners with he Gogebic County Road Commission to continue road projects throughout the township
- Work to improve internet service in Wakefield Township
- Continue work on developing a master Plan for the township with the emphasis on citizen involvement and brevity of the Plan
- Increase storage room for records and supplies by providing shelving space and discarding items that are no longer needed
- Upgrade lighting and blacktop some areas of the township hall parking lot.

WAKEFIELD TOWNSHIP BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS 2019-20

REVENUES

No increase in quarterly rates for garbage collection or building permit fees for our residents.

Categories of revenue fine-tuned to be similar to past history.

Millage rate set at 4.4683 mills.

Interest Income remains flat due to low interest rates.

State Revenue sharing increased by 2.6%.

Changes for taxes of new properties not included in Revenue.

EXPENDITURES

Categories of expenditures fine tuned to be similar to past history.

Health and Life insurance continues to be eliminated for all officers and board members saving up to \$100,000.

Salary increases (cost of living 3%) for Board Members, Deputies and salaried employee.

Salaries for Treasurer, Clerk, and Supervisor include use of vehicle for local travel. (Ironwood, Bessemer, and Wakefield.)

Per Diems held at same levels as last year for all appointed boards and elected board. Education budgets continues to emphasize training for board members, appointed boards and employees to increase efficiencies.

Compensation for Board Members attending workshops ad meetings limited to an average of two meetings per month.

Public Works category funded at \$50,000 for road improvements around the township.

Includes funding for ear one of Master Planning. Includes funds to hire summer help for resident surveys.

Spring Cleanup funded for spring clean up for one and one half days.

Funds improvements at the Township Hall including parking lot lighting, storage room upgrades and sorting records. Also includes parking lot paving improvement in coordination with road budget.

Continues contracts for services from the City of Wakefield.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Micky Heikkila: Have you had any contact with the mining company about improvements on County RD 519 and when it will start?

ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

1. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 5:48 pm.