

**COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Covert Township Hall**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Special Meeting of the Covert Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Palgen at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Palgen.

Members Present: D. Palgen, L. Taylor, M. Rendell, D. Cook, K. Harrington (late arrival)

Members Absent: None

**Public Comment**

None

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to close** the Special Meeting.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 0 CARRIED

*K. Harrington arrives (6:03 p.m.)*

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by K. Harrington, **to open** the Public Hearing.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Supervisor Palgen.

Members Present: D. Palgen, L. Taylor, M. Rendell, D. Cook, K. Harrington

Members Absent: None

**Public Comment**

None

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by D. Palgen, **to close** the Public Hearing.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by M. Rendell, **to reopen** the Special Meeting.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** payment of bills in the amount of \$126,062.60, as well as payment of bills authorized for post-review of the board due through June 30, 2019.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell, **to amend** the 2018/2019 budget to correct departmental budget lines as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** setting the maximum allowable millage rates for the 2019 tax year as presented:

General Fund.....	0.8198
Fire/Ambulance .....	1.7000
Police.....	1.9000
Roads.....	0.5000
Senior Services .....	0.2500
Water.....	1.7188

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the 2019/2020 General Fund Budget for the amount of \$1,229,669.00.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the 2019/2020 Museum Budget in the amount of \$23,844.00.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the 2019/2020 Road Budget in the amount of \$1,228,702.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the 2019/2020 Police Budget in the amount of \$2,014,922.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** the 2019/2020 Fire/Ambulance Budget in the amount of \$2,666,870.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by K. Harrington, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the 2019/2020 Waste Water Budget in the amount of \$574,748.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the 2019/2020 Water Budget in the amount of \$957,436.00.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Palgen, **to approve** the General Appropriations Act of 2019/2020 Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by K. Harrington, **to deny** the Resolution to establish the Township Supervisor Salary in the amount of \$32,457.36, effective July 1, 2019 as recommended by the Salary Advisory Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by L. Taylor, **to deny** the Resolution to establish the Township Treasurer Salary in the amount of \$26,007.50, effective July 1, 2019 as recommended by the Salary Advisory Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell, **to deny** the Resolution to establish the Township Clerk Salary in the amount of \$26,007.50, effective July 1, 2019 as recommended by the Salary Advisory Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** 2019-2020 Township Employees' Salary and Pay Rates Schedule with a 2% increase, excluding the Police Chief's salary.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** a 4% increase in pay for the 2019/2020 Police Chief salary.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by K. Harrington, **to approve** the 2019-2020 Salary and Pay Rates for Boards and Commissions Meetings with a 2% increase.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 2, No: 3 FAILED

Motion by M. Rendell, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the 2019-2020 Salary and Pay Rates for Boards and Commissions Meetings with no increase.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 3, No: 2 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen, **to approve** the 2019-2020 Fire and Ambulance Paid On Call and Part-Time Rate Pay with a 2% increase.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by D. Palgen, **to approve** the 2019-2020 Police Auxiliary Pay Schedule with a 2% increase.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Water and Wastewater Facilities with F&V Operations and Resource Management, Inc. effective July 2, 2019 thru July 1, 2021 and the request for cost of living increase to the monthly lump sum fee in the amount of \$24.67 per month.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the AccuMed Fee Schedule with a change to the grass fire charge as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** Township Board Regular Meeting Dates for 2019-2020 as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** the 2019-2020 Township Boards and Committee Meeting Schedule as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook, **to approve** the 2019-2020 Township Hall Holiday Closing Schedule as listed.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor, **to approve** payment of \$206,636.03 to Van Buren County for our share of legal fees from the NCG Litigation.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor, **to table** the Park Amenities and Sidewalk Design Project with Wightman & Associates, Inc. as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 5, No: 0 CARRIED

### **Other Business**

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by M. Rendell, **to approve** Olson Brothers apply for a DEQ permit to construct the washroom at the Covert Park Beach and Campground, in the amount of \$1,234.  
Roll Call Vote: Yes: 4, No: 1 CARRIED

Motion by D. Palgen to adjourn at 7:28PM.

Next Regular Township Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00PM

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Daywi Cook, Covert Township Clerk