

COVERT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
TOWNSHIP HALL, 73943 LAKE ST, COVERT, MI 49043
AND VIDEO CONFERENCE

Purpose:

- Pay fiscal year end bills.
- Present and review the proposed; 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budgets, pay schedules and 2021 millage rates to support the budgets.
- Any other business appearing at this time.

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. Cook, D. Palgen, L. Taylor, W. Pritchard

Members Absent: K. Harrington

Public Comment

None

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by W. Pritchard, to close the Special Meeting.

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

Motion by D. Palgen. seconded by D. Cook, to open the Public Hearing.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

See separate minutes.

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by W. Pritchard, to reopen the Special Meeting.

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

Motion by W. Pritchard, seconded by L. Taylor, to pay Fiscal Year End Bills thru June 30, 2020.

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by W. Pritchard, to approve setting the maximum allowable millage rates for the 2020 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: 4, No: 0, CARRIED

Motion by W. Pritchard, seconded by D. Palgen, to approve the 2020/2021 General Fund Budget for the amount of \$1,511,311.00

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by W. Pritchard, to approve the 2020/2021 Covert Township Park Campground Budget in the amount of (\$270,299.00).

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, to approve the 2020/2021 Museum Budget in the amount of \$25,481.00

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

Motion by W. Pritchard, seconded by D. Cook, to approve the 2020/2021 Road Budget in the amount of \$1,357,327.00

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by D. Palgen, to approve the 2020/2021 Police Budget in the amount of \$2,248,775.00

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by L. Taylor, to approve the 2020/2021 Fire/Ambulance Budget in the amount of \$3,623,979.00

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

Motion by W. Pritchard, seconded by D. Cook, to approve the 2020/2021 Wastewater Budget in the amount of \$556,621.00

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

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by W. Pritchard, to approve the 2020/2021 Water Budget in the amount of \$929,139.00

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded by W. Pritchard, to approve the General Appropriations Act of 2020/2021 Resolution as presented.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by W. Pritchard, seconded by L. Taylor, to approve the 2020a Amendment to Police Chief Employment Contract as written and presented effective July 1, 2020 based on his years of services.

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

Motion by L. Taylor, seconded D. Cook, to approve by the Contract between Covert Township and Van Buren United Civic Organization for services as specified in the Outline of Services (Attachment #1, #2, #3) to the senior residents of Covert effective 07.01.2020 thru 06.30.2021, with amendments as advised by the Senior Advisory Committee, and no increase in the budget from FY 2019/2020.

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

Motion by W. Pritchard, seconded by D. Cook, to approve the Contract between Covert Township and Senior Services of Van Buren County for services as specified in the Outline of Services (Attachment #1, #2, #3, #4) to the senior residents of Covert effective 07.01.2020 thru 12.31.2020.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 3, No: 1, CARRIED

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by W. Pritchard, to approve the Contract between Covert Township and Senior Nutrition Services Region IV, Inc. for services as specified in the Outline of Services (Attachment #1, to the senior residents of Covert effective 07.01.2020 thru 06.30.2021.

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

Motion by D. Palgen. seconded by D. Cook, to approve the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule effective July 1, 2020 with the Application Fee increased and set at \$175.00 per application.

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

Motion by D. Palgen, seconded by D. Cook, to approve the Resolution to comply with the provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Townships right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act effective July 1st, 2020 thru June 30, 2021.

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

Clerk Cook noticed an omission in the General Appropriations Act of 2020/2021 Resolution that was just approved.

Motion by D. Cook, seconded by L. Taylor, to amend the General Appropriations Act of 2020/2021 Resolution to include the Senior Fund expenditures in Section 7.

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

Motion by L. Taylor to adjourn at 7:10PM.

Next Regular Township Board Meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:00PM

Submitted by Daywi Cook, Covert Township Clerk