

March 23, 2024

Empire Township Board-Annual Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Supervisor Noonan at the Township Hall. Present were members Deegan, Carl Noonan, Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, and Price. Eleven residents were present, which includes township board members. Also present were the Fire Chief and Enterprise reporter.

Glen Lake Fire Chief, Bryan Ferguson, reported on Fire Department operations over the last year. Bryan noted that personnel received a substantial amount of training this year and received grants towards breathing apparatus and wildland firefighting equipment. Bryan also relayed that the department's new engine is complete and they should be picking it up next Friday. Bryan was thanked for his report.

Glen Lake Community Library's librarian, David Diller, presented a 2023 annual report and noted that the library had over 20,000 visitors in 2023, had over 41,000 materials borrowed, and their community spaces were being used by various groups. They are still trying to facilitate a better connection with the schools to bring more students to use the library. Dave again noted that the library was in great shape and was thankful for the community support the library receives. David was thanked for attending the meeting.

Supervisor Noonan submitted one salary resolution for the clerk position, with an increase of \$2,000/year, to the electors at the meeting. Resident Diana Oberschulte presented a handout noting some of the various duties involved in the clerk position, and showing salaries of County township clerks and their deputies. Diana along with resident Rod Barnes noted that the clerk's current salary for this type of position was lacking, which would make it difficult to attract qualified and capable candidates for the clerk position when Clerk Neiswonger was no longer in the position. After further statements from Rod Barnes regarding the work and hours put in by the clerk to successfully run elections, motion was made by Diana Oberschulte; support-Rod Barnes to increase the Clerk salary to \$42,000/year. 10 ayes (Neiswonger abstained) 0 nays. Motion carried. Clerk thanked the residents for their support.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 10:25 a.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk

March 23, 2024

Empire Township Board-Budget Hearing

Hearing was called to order at 10:25 a.m. by Supervisor Noonan at the Township Hall. Also present were members Deegan, Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, and Price. Six residents were present as well as the Fire Chief and Enterprise reporter. Purpose of the hearing was to review the fiscal year 2024/2025 budgets.

The budgets presented were as follows: General Fund-revenues and expenditures of 427,800; Fire Memorial Fund-revenues and expenditures of 500; Road Fund-revenues and expenditures of 6,000; Fire Fund-revenues and expenditures of 1,360,017; Campground Fund-revenues and expenditures of 96,724; Cemetery Fund-revenues and expenditures of 41,420; Airport Authority-revenues and expenditures of 16,550.

As there were no public comments, the hearing was adjourned by the Supervisor at 10:26 a.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk

March 23, 2024

Empire Township Board-Special Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 10:26 a.m. by Supervisor Noonan at the Township Hall. Also present were members Deegan, Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, and Price. Six residents were present, as well as the Fire Chief and Enterprise reporter. Purpose of the meeting was to adopt the 2024/2025 fiscal year budgets.

Clerk noted amendments needed for the 2023/2024 budget. Motion-Casey Noonan; support-Deegan to transfer \$243.00 from General Fund Prior Surplus to Clerk Supplies-17.00 and Election Supplies-226.00; Transfer \$134.00 from Campground Fund Prior Surplus to Payroll Tax-44.00, Supplies-32.00 and Repair & Maintenance-58.00; and Transfer \$5.00 from the Cemetery Fund Prior Surplus to Misc. Expense-5.00. All ayes.

Clerk presented the Empire Township General Appropriation Resolution which outlined the 2024/2025 budgets as presented at the budget hearing. Motion was made by Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to adopt the Empire Township Appropriation Resolution as presented. Roll call vote taken: All ayes.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 10:29 a.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk