

**November 15, 2021**

**PERCH LAKE TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Chair Gary Harms opened the meeting at 5:30 p.m. and called for a roll call. Supervisor Keith DePre hosted the meeting on Zoom.

Members present: Chair Gary Harms, Supervisor Steve Olson, Supervisor Keith DePre, Treasurer Cheri DeMenge, Clerk Lora Eames

**2. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING AGENDA.**

**MOTION (Olson/DePre):** To approve the November 15, 2021, Special Budget Meeting agenda with the removal of 4b: "Treasurer DeMenge's Request." Motion carried.

**3. REVIEW OF PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022.**

Chair Harms asked Clerk Eames to provide a brief introduction of the 2022 Draft Budget Worksheet, dated November 15, 2021. Then, board members reviewed the receipts and disbursements for each fund and adjusted line items as needed.

After some discussion, the supervisors requested that the Clerk:

- include one capital improvement road project in the Road & Bridge Capital Improvements Fund - Watkins Spur Rebuild Project, \$150,000.
- include one maintenance project in the regular Road and Bridge Fund - Lakeview Erosion Control Project, \$50,000.
- use the 2022 Property Tax Levy approved at the Annual Meeting and filed with the County Auditor to replace the estimates for revenue.

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Approval of 2022 Operating Budget.**

The supervisors delayed approval of the budget until the December 13, 2021, meeting.

**b. Treasurer DeMenge's Request.**

Resolved and removed from agenda.

**c. Request to Amend Minutes of October 10, 2021, Meeting.**

Clerk Eames asked Board members to amend the minutes of October 10, 2021, to include one more member, Jeanette Olson, on the ARPA Committee.

**MOTION (Harms/Depre):** To approve an amendment to the October 11, 2021, minutes, page 3, Old Business 7c-1, authorizing the addition of one more member to the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Committee – Jeanette Olson. Motion carried. 2-yes. 1-abstaining (Olson).

5. **COMMENTS**

Big Lake Area Sanitary District (BLASD):

The supervisors discussed the following facts:

- Both Chris Rousseau and John Fredrickson have sent an email, dated November 9, 2021, asking the Town Board to accept their resignations from the BLASD Board.
- Chair Fredrickson also expressed his belief (by email) that the BLASD Board could not hold legal meetings without the FDL.

The supervisors agreed that they should discuss the resignations at the next regular Town Board meeting on December 13, 2021. However, their consensus was that the BLASD Board might have business to complete, i.e., the approval of the payment of bills; or it might even have a future role to play. So, the supervisors asked the Clerk to invite Frank Yetka, the former BLASD attorney, to the meeting.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Harms adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Town Board

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Lora Eames, Clerk

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Gary Harms, Chair

Attached: 2022 Budget Worksheet