

**RILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING & SPECIAL MEETING**

Held on March 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2023 at 7:25 p.m.

Located at 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, Michigan 48041

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Titus at 7:25 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Supervisor Al Titus, Clerk Dawn Behem, Treasurer Mike Rushing, Trustee Duane Hagle, Trustee Mark Baranowski

**ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING for Fiscal Year 2023/2024:**

Motion to open public hearing made by Hagle, seconded by Baranowski at 7:25 p.m.

Written comments: None received.

2022/2023 Yearend Budget Report presentation provided by the Clerk showing State Revenue Sharing was the largest contributor of revenue, ARPA funds being the second largest, and property taxes third largest from all other revenues received for the fiscal year. Appropriations to Roads, Streets and Bridges was the greatest expense to the township, and Fire Protection being the second greatest from all other expenses for the year. Proposed budget for 2023/2024 fiscal year is balanced with Roads and Fire Protection remaining to be the highest costs to the township.

ARPA Project Report shows 71% of the total funds have been used with 29% remaining. Roads department received the largest allocation of \$158,248.89, with capital projects second largest for generators, playground equipment, and roof replacement. Remaining ARPA funds will be used to purchase new election tabulators, and other allocations as determined by the board.

Public comments: Citizens presented questions on budget allocations for road work. \$352,364 was spent on roads in 2022/2023 budget with ARPA Funds dedicated to certain projects. The proposed roads budget for 2023/2024 is \$167,220. Annual Spring Road Trip is scheduled next week. Road commission share program increased from 80/20 to 70/30 adding 10% to the township's cost. Drainage and ditching are concerns on many of the dirt roads. 135 loads of limestone was used last year. Limestone lasts longer than gravel. Riley has the most gravel roads in the county. Question if possibility of paving any gravel roads. No plans to pave any of the gravel roads at this time.

Motion to close public hearing made by Hagle, seconded by Baranowski at 7:49 p.m. All in favor, motion approved.

Motion to APPROVE Annual Budget and adopt Resolution # 2023-15 General Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 made by Behem, seconded by Rushing. Discussion: none further. Roll Call: Aye-5, Nay-0; Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** Motion to APPROVE Budget Amendments as presented made by Behem, seconded by Baranowski. Discussion: General Fund Fiscal Year End 2023 Budget Amendments JE 12508 Totaling \$53,759 to reallocate appropriations, and JE 12509 Totaling \$107,090 to adjust budgeted change to fund balance for Road Repairs. Discussion: none presented. Roll Call: Aye-5, Nay-0; Motion carried.

**Approve YEAREND Consent Agenda:** Motion to APPROVE Consent Agenda for 3-14-23 RTB Minutes, 2023/2024 RTB Meeting Schedule, March Accounts Payable Checks 25409-25442, EFT 39-40, Tax Checks 3148-3158, Revenue/Expenditure Report for 3-31-23 made by Behem, seconded by Rushing. Discussion: none. Roll Call: Aye-5, Nay-0; Motion carried.

**Citizens wishing to address the board:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn at 7:51 p.m. made by Baranowski, seconded by Hagle. All in Favor, Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gondert, Recording Clerk

Approved April 11, 2023

Dawn Behem, Riley Township Clerk