

Draft Minutes of March 23, 2023 Special St. James Board Meeting and Budget Public Hearing and Truth-in-Taxation Meeting
Beaver Island Community Center | 26215 Main St. | Beaver Island, MI | 5:30 pm

Present:

Cole, Gillespie, Welke

Absent:

Fingerroot, McDonough

Others:

Tessa Jones, Deputy Clerk, St James Township; Shelby Harris, Administrative Assistant, St. James Township

Five members of the public were present. A total of 10 people participated in the meeting.

Special Meeting

Supervisor Welke called the Special Meeting to order at 5:30 pm on March 23, 2023.

Finance and Administration

Moved by Cole, supported by Gillespie to amend the FY22/23 Marine Fund Budget as discussed. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Gillespie, Cole, Welke

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Moved by Cole, supported by Gillespie to authorize the supervisor to establish FY23/24 contracts with Heidi Vigil for gardening work, Brandon Maudrie for dock work, Bob Marsh for trash can maintenance, Lonnie Allen for cleaning work, and John Blaney to back up the Township's Maintenance Director.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Welke, supported by Gillespie to compensate Joe Johnson in FY23/24 at the rate of \$22/hour.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Resolution 2023.03.23.23 #1 establishing St James Township Supervisor Salary for FY23/24 at \$22,000. Resolution by Gillespie and seconded by Cole. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None

The Resolution was declared adopted by Gillespie who was charged to certify the Resolution.

Resolution 2023.03.23.23 #2 establishing St James Township Clerk Salary for FY23/24 at \$22,000. Resolution by Welke and seconded by Cole. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Cole, Welke

Nays: None

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with T Jones, Deputy Clerk, charged to certify the Resolution.

Resolution 2023.03.23.23 establishing St James Township Treasurer Salary for FY23/24 at \$20,500. Resolution by Welke and seconded by Gillespie. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Cole, Gillespie, Welke

Nays: None

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with Gillespie charged to certify the Resolution.

Moved by Cole, supported by Gillespie to accept the Peaine Township Maintenance Agreement for FY23/24.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Gillespie, supported by Cole to issue the St. James Township Maintenance Agreement for FY23/24.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Cole, supported by Gillespie to approve the FY23/24 Budget of the Waste Management (Transfer Station/Recycling Center) including an increase in wages at 5 percent for each staff member.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Supervisor Welke closed the Special Meeting at 5:50 pm.

Public Hearing

Supervisor Welke called the Public Hearing to order at 5:50 pm. Supervisor Welke presented information regarding the FY23/24 Budget via a power point presentation. It explained the purpose of all Township Funds, gave a breakdown of each Budget for FY23/24, and covered the millages to support the presented Budget.

Public Comment

Community members were curious about the timing and details of the future paving plans of the Township and if public participation was planned. Response: Public participation is certainly planned.

Supervisor Welke closed the Public Hearing at 6:18pm.

Special Meeting

Supervisor Welke called the Special Meeting to order at 6:18 pm. More information was presented regarding the breakdown of the specific upcoming projects related to the Budget.

Resolution 2023.03.23.23 #4 to establish St James Township General Appropriations Act and Truth-in-Taxation for FY2023/2024. Resolution by Welke and seconded by Gillespie. Roll Call Vote.

Ayes: Gillespie, Cole, Welke

Nays: None

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with Gillespie charged to certify the Resolution.

Public Comment

Community members shared questions and comments regarding the following, with responses from Board Members:

A suggestion was made to involve Native words when naming the new properties being purchased by the Township. Supervisor Welke mentioned Native American information will be incorporated through interpretive signage on the property.

An audience member questioned the possible use of the old DNR property for a public access fishing dock and was informed that the sale of said property is instrumental in the purchasing of the Karnes Lot and Masini lot to add to the township's park system. It was suggested that this sale be expressed more publicly.

Moved by Welke, supported by Gillespie to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:44 pm.

Submitted by:

Tessa Jones, Deputy Clerk
St James Township
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX