

**YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Special Meeting – 2024/2025 Budget Workshop**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2024  
3:00 pm  
Yankee Springs Township Hall  
284 N. Briggs Rd., Middleville, MI 49333  
MINUTES**

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YS Board of Trustees –  
Special Meeting  
June 12, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 PM by Supervisor Rob Heethuis

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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**Roll Call:** Mike Cunningham, Larry Knowles, Rob Heethuis, Dave VanHouten, Deb Mousseau  
(All Present)

**ROLL CALL**

**Staff Present:** None

**Visitors:** None

**ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO AGENDA:**

**Motion by Cunningham with support from Knowles to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote:**  
*Knowles: yes; Mousseau: yes; Cunningham: yes; VanHouten: yes; Heethuis: yes.*

**MOTION TO ACCEPT  
AGENDA**

Yes: 5, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

**Board Action Items:**

- Review proposed draft Rainbow Budget of 2024/2025 to be presented at the 06/26/2024 Budget Public Hearing.
  - Discussion took place as board members reviewed the changes that were suggested at the 05/30/2024 budget workshop.
  - Adjustments were made where needed.
  - The treasurer will incorporate these adjustments into the budget which will be reviewed and approved at the 06/26/2024 public hearing.
- Consider revenue reduction based on changes made at the 05/30/2024 meeting.

**REVIEW PROPOSED  
2024/2025 BUDGET**

**Motion by Cunningham with support from VanHouten to reduce 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Revenue by approximately \$135,000 by eliminating the 1% administration fee for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year.**

**Discussion:** The general fund balance has grown over the last four years, even with the office renovation project. The board members discussed what plans they have for the next year and possible unexpected expenses and most felt it would be better to wait another year to make this change. **Roll Call Vote:** *VanHouten: no; Mousseau: no; Knowles: no; Heethuis: no; Cunningham: yes.*

**MOTION TO  
ELIMINATE  
ADMINISTRATION  
FEE FOR 2024/2025  
FISCAL YEAR**

Yes: 1, No: 4. **MOTION FAILED**

**Motion by Heethuis with support from Cunningham to accept the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget as presented, and as amended by the Board at this meeting for adoption at the 06/26/2024 Budget Public Hearing. The Treasurer will incorporate the approved amendments into the budget for posting and for the 06/26/2024 Public Hearing. Roll Call Vote:**

*VanHouten: yes; Mousseau: yes; Knowles: yes; Heethuis: yes; Cunningham: yes.*

Yes: 5, No: 0. **MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**BOARD COMMENT:**

**Mousseau:** Thanks Mike for putting it all together and getting all the information out there. Also thanks to Betsy for doing that job which is not fun. Thank you to everyone.

**VanHouten:** None.

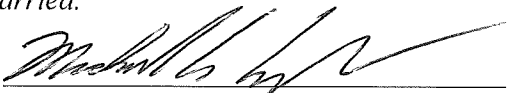
**Cunningham:** About the non-statutory duties, I think those will be needed in the future and of course we will approve them at the Budget Public Hearing. I don't intend to take the pay for those, they are not part of the clerk's salary so they are open for anyone to take. I will continue doing what I have been doing but I think those are for the future when the time comes to replace me. It may be needed then but I don't intend to put it into payroll now.

**Knowles:** The Water Advisory Board met last night. We had Rural Water do a rate study for the water system. They are recommending a 6% increase. When we increased it last time this Board put on a 2% increase for three years and that ran out. The Water Advisory Board is talking about doing a public hearing and the Board should let me know if they think there should be a public hearing. Think about it and the sewer is going to be a lot worse.

**Heethuis:** My only comment is that on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, Don DeVries of Fleis and Vandenbrink said we may need a special meeting to open bids for the pickleball courts park renovation. The bids are out there right now and we would have a special meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup> to open the bids. Don would take them back and review them and he would make a recommendation and then we would make a recommendation for whatever contractor we want to hire at the July board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion by Mousseau with support from Heethuis to adjourn the meeting at 4:31 PM** Approved by all. Motion Carried.

Approved by:   
Michael S. Cunningham, Township Clerk

Date 6/20/2024

Respectfully submitted by:  
Betsy Frigmanski, Recording Secretary  
June 13, 2024

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**MOTION TO ACCEPT  
THE 2024/2025  
FISCAL YEAR  
BUDGET TO BE  
ADOPTED ON  
06/26/2024**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**BOARD COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**