

TOWN HALL

June 12,

2023

The Chair, Mr. Rambo called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Trustees Port and Mueller were present. Fiscal Officer Karen Walder was present, and Board Administrator Melissa Palmer was present via Teams. The following Department Head was present: Road Superintendent Gene Layne.

Mrs. Walder stated that the Road Department has 4 levies that are continuing and forecasted for 2024 to bring in \$1.54 million. For Road Department's recommended cash reserve is \$445,852 which is a bit higher than the 40% O&M because of the debt payment for the Gradall that is due in the first quarter.

Mr. Layne stated that the Road Department is in good shape with equipment and seem to be back on track with their snowplows. Will be purchasing a new snowplow truck in 2024 and 2027.

Mr. Layne stated they have the OPWC grant to use towards Dines Road. Mr. Layne stated there are very few chip and seal roads left. Mrs. Walder stated that for paving in 2024, the Township will be funding half of it, and the other half will come from a \$100,000 OPWC grant and \$250,000 from an OPWC loan the Township will pay back over 10 years, but at 0% interest.

Mr. Layne stated that he scaled back on his building reserve items. Mr. Layne stated that a new Road Department building needs to be discussed. Mr. Layne feels they can't keep moving forward long term in the current building. They do not have enough space. Mr. Layne would like to build a 16,000-sf building next to the Police Department and use the current building for storage for the Township. Mr. Layne said they would keep the salt bin at the current location but would move the fuel tanks. Mr. Layne stated he would design a building very similar to what Auburn Township built. That building is 20,000 sf and cost about \$2M when it was constructed 5 years ago.

The Trustees discussed the possibility of having to put a levy on the ballot but would have to figure out a schedule because of the Police and Fire Departments potentially needing one. Felt earliest it could go to voters would be 2025. Mrs. Walder recommended getting an idea of the cost first, and then consider options on how to fund it.

Mrs. Walder recommends continued attention to the reserve items until they figure out the disposition of the Road Department building. Even if the plan is to continue to utilize that building for storage, then upkeep costs would continue. Mrs. Walder recommends that someone talk to Auburn Township and see what the steps and expenses were and what timeline they followed. Mr. Mueller asked Mr. Layne if he could get something set up with Auburn Township to take a tour of their Road Department building.

Mr. Mueller made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Port seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Matthew Rambo, Chair

Karen Walder, Fiscal Officer

Recorded by: J. Ezzone