

**Ross Township
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**Board Budget Meeting/Workshop
March 9, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Supervisor Hutchings.

ROLL CALL

Present: Christina Hutchings Michael Bekes Syndee Genung
Carin Louis Diana Langshaw Mike Sulka
Absent: Harmon (with notice)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Langshaw moved to approve agenda with an amendment to add a presentation by Safebuilt prior to Citizen Comment as New Business. Treasurer Genung seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation to Board and Q & A led by Ted Hanson Plan Reviewer and Building Official and Kellie Lindsey, Account Manager and Business Development of Safebuilt, a Company from Athens Michigan that provides Building Permit Services to Municipalities as well as possible Ordinance Enforcement.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Supervisor Hutchings opened the floor to Public Comment at 6:45. Public Comment closed at 6:45.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and Discuss 2022-2023 Proposed Budget.

Fire Chief Bogema presented to the Board requested upgrades needed by the Fire Department. Chief Bogema requested utilization of ARPA Grant Funds for the purchase of a new extrication machine aka Jaws of Life, 10 new AED machines and the installation of Water Well on site at the M-89 Station the is capable of pumping 500 Gallons Per Minute. Approximate total for all three improvements/upgrades would be \$110,000.00.

Clerk Louis provided each Board member with Adjusted 2021-2022 Budget report, a list of proposed Salary and Benefit increases and suggested 2022-2023 Budget Report. The Board reviewed the Proposed Budget Report and updates and or corrections were identified. Throughout the meeting Clerk Louis updated reports in real time and provided the Board with copies of updated reports. Budget numbers were agreed upon for the upcoming Board Budget/Public Hearing.

Adjournment

Trustee Langshaw moved to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Trustee Bekes. Meeting adjourned 9:15pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carin Louis
Township Clerk