

Board Conference Room
November 10, 2021
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The regular meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Walker, in the Board Room of the County Building, on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 11:30 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Chairperson Walker.

Roll was called by the County Clerk. Present: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Morse, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Beggs, Mr. Christians, Mr. Erickson, and Mr. Walker.

Also present: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator, Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; and Ms. Peggy Wittman, City of Hart resident.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2021 meeting as corrected.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Chairperson Walker asked if any commissioners wished to declare a conflict of interest on the agenda items. No conflicts were declared.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Ms. Meyette to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Ms. Peggy Wittman, Hart City resident, noted a couple of things that needed clarification regarding the comments by Mr. VanSickle and Mr. Hansen and the "window" visit policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET FOR SEVERAL FUNDS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Beggs to approve the following expenditure budget amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021 budgets as described; to cover costs that exceed the original or amended budget appropriation for each of the following accounts:

General Fund (#101)

Elections

- Increase Advertising (101-262-900.000) by \$2,250 from \$3,000 to \$5,250
- Increase Printing and Binding (101-262-728.000) by \$1,000 from \$6,570 to \$7,570

Sheriff

- Increase Salaries & Wages – Overtime (101-301-707.000) by \$4,000 from \$41,400 to \$45,400
- Increase Uniforms (101-301-746.000) by \$1,700 from \$16,000 to \$17,700
- Increase Vehicle Repair & Maintenance (101-301-932.000) by \$3,600 from \$49,267 to \$52,867

Jail

- Increase Salaries & Wages – Overtime (101-351-707.000) by \$8,000 from \$35,760 to \$43,760

Transfer Station

- Increase Equipment Rental (101-528-941.000) by \$22,000 from \$155,600 to \$177,600

The net impact of the General Fund amendments is an increase in expenditures of \$42,550.

Building Department Fund

- Increase Other Contractual Service - Inspections (249-371-821.100) by \$40,000 from \$200,000 to \$240,000

The net impact of the Building Department Fund amendments is an increase in expenditures of \$40,000.

Child Care Fund

- Increase Hospitalization (292-000-716.000) by \$3,700 from \$23,294 to \$26,994

The net impact of the Child Care Fund amendments is an increase in expenditures of \$3,700.

Roll call vote: Mr. Hardy – yes; Mr. Beggs – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; Mr. Erickson - yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Ms. Meyette – yes; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Moved by Mr. Hardy and **seconded by** Mr. Morse to approve the accounts payable and release of funds for November 10, 2021 in the tentative amounts as follows:

AMBULANCE FUND	\$228,609.24
FRIEND OF THE COURT FUND	2,492.24
GIS FUND	-0-

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT	-0-
BUILDING DEPARTMENT	2,846.67
TECHNOLOGY	966.89
FORECLOSURE	240.000
K-9 UNIT	200.00
VETERANS AFFAIRS	2,555.15
MEDICAL RESERVE	-0-
AUTOMATION FUND – R.O.D.	-0-
PENTWATER HART TRAIL	-0-
SHELBY TWP COMMUNITY PARK	-0-
CDBG	-0-
ARPA	-0-
INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	8,577.39
LOCAL CORR OFFICERS TRNG FUND	-0-
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRNG	-0-
VICTIMS SERVICES	-0-
CAP PROJ-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	-0-
GENERAL FUND	362,191.00
TOTAL	\$608,678.58

Roll call: Mr. Hardy – yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Beggs – yes; Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

Commissioner’s Reports

Mr. Beggs mentioned that he attended a Claybanks Township meeting where they discussed the Brownfield Authority. He was able to respond to some of their concerns and informed the board of the suggested revisions to the bylaws that may be coming.

Mr. Hardy attended the City of Hart Public Hearing regarding the Tax Incremental Finance Authority (TIFA). TIFA is a method used to finance different projects for commercial development, revitalization of neighborhoods, and other economic development purposes. He also reported that the 911 Board continues to struggle with hiring dispatchers and are discussing possible incentives to entice applicants.

Ms. Meyette noted that there is an individual in Greenwood Township that is starting a business that will help with in home cell reception. She plans on bringing more information to the next meeting.

Mr. Morse reported that he attended a Shelby Township meeting where Shelby Public Schools Superintendent, Tim Reeves, presented pictures of the proposed school that will be built.

Mr. Christians reported that he attended the Veterans Committee meeting last Friday. He also attended the Pentwater Village meeting where the topic of marijuana sales was discussed and was referred to the Planning Commission for more information. Mr. Christians also stated that as a result of the November 2, 2021 election, the two proposals on Weare Township’s ballot passed. The proposals were for a Road Millage and an initiation of an ordinance to be known as the "Adult-Use Marihuana Establishments Ordinance" to provide for

the number of adult use marijuana facilities to be operated in the Township. This repeals the previously enacted "Prohibition of Recreational Marijuana Establishments Ordinance".

Mr. Erickson reported that the District Health Department will have a testing unit in Oceana County and will be discussing it further next week. He also reported that the fire chief and fire fighters in Colfax Township have all resigned. He also mentioned that Leavitt Township passed a Brownfield resolution. Elbridge Township is concerned with the number of marijuana grow facilities.

Mr. Walker reported that he has seen some improvements at the pattern shop of the previous Kurdziel Iron Industries building.

Dr. Sobie mentioned that the Oceana County flag design will be on the agenda for the December 2, 2021 meeting. He also stated that when making the final choice, consider the concept of the flag. Then, the concept will be sent to a graphic designer which will then be presented to the board at a later date.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this time

Chairperson Walker asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Amy L. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk

Date

Mr. Walker, Chairperson