

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET MEETING

October 20, 2022
4:00 PM

Present: Commissioner. J. Golden, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner S. Trojak, Commissioner J. Moffett, Twp. Secretary C. Cunningham, Twp. Accountant L. Bliley, Tax Collector/Treasurer J. Spitznogle

President J. Golden called the 2022 Budget Work Session Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and waived the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Commissioner J. Golden discussed reducing the postage in administration. The Ordinance regarding Zoning hearing board fees will be paid by the party asking for the hearing. Golden also noticed that some business owners were not paying their electronic gaming machines. This fee will be raised beginning 2023 with the update of the Ordinance concerning these items. The Board has also decided to turn the Zoning wage into an hourly wage. Commissioner J. Golden also stated the Landlord fees will be raised in 2023.

Commissioner B. Rodemaker said that there will be 2 small sewer projects replacing the bar and grate system at both Lake Cliff and Cunningham's and the continuing project of replacing the Sudan lift station.

The Board agreed with Commissioner S. Trojak that there must be money put into the budget for the Fire Department for past, and present utility bills as these have not been paid by the department for 2021 and 2022.

Commissioner T. Benovic said that they will cut the clerical wages from the police department as that position will not be filled with the departure of the past clerk. Benovic also stated that the maintenance and repair line item will be lowered. Concerning Parks and Recreation Grants will be looked into for improving some of the grounds and equipment.

Commissioner J. Moffett said that \$25,000 can be moved over from the Streets budget to cover highway aid needs.

The Board agreed to make the budget that tax rates will need to be raised as well as sewer rates for 2023.

Commission J. Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:11 p.m., seconded by Commissioner T. Benovic and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Township Secretary