Rochester Township

 Board Meeting

February 8, 2018

Members Present: Art Reckinger, Brian Braaten, Brian Mueller, Douglas Butler, Jeff Orth, and Gary Swenson

Guests: Matthew Kitzmann and Mark Cochran

Board Meeting called to order by Brian Braaten at 7PM.

January Minutes - Douglas Butler made a motion to approve the January 11, 2018 minutes. Brian Mueller seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Deputy Tracy Pagel – Deputy Pagel could not make the meeting this month.

Day at the capital – Douglas Butler reported the Day At The Capital Cub event is March 7th. There will be a Olmsted County Township Assn. bus leaving for the Capital at 8AM from the Cub Food Parking lot at 8AM. Any board member interested should plan to attend.

Treasurer’s Report – Gary Swenson reported that we had a balance of $731,287.39 in the checking and savings account. Based on last years budget he set the reserve at ½ the annual budget or $420,000. He will combine the Mayo recovery funds with or reserve and close out that account. Brian Mueller made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Township Claims - Brian Mueller made a motion to approve claims #4014 – 4029 in the amount of $33,455.51. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; and it was voted on and passed.

JPB Claims – Art Reckinger made a motion to approve the JPB claims #4156 – 4185 in the amount of $35,57677. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Deputy Clerk – Sara Rudquist, Cascade Township’s clerk has agreed to be Rochester Townships Deputy Clerk. Douglas Butler made a motion to appoint Sara Rudquist as Rochester Township’s Deputy Clerk. Brian Mueller seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

2019 Proposed Budget - The board reviewed the 2017 expenditures and set a proposed budget of $814,000 which resulted in a proposed levy which will be a 3.5% reduction. **Correction \_ Received Fire Dept 2019 proposed cost of $198,296 increasing our Prooposed 2019 budget to $823.296 which would be 2% rreduction.**

We won the lawsuit with CPDC thereby recovering funds we spent out of our reserve for Meadow Crossing Road and Mayo Woodlands. With that reimbursement we were able to decrease the levy for 2019. Art Reckinger made a motion to approve the proposed 2019 budget of $814,000 and a levy of $775,890. Brian Mueller seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

The board reviewed the Reorganization Chart and tabled its approval to the April meeting after the elections.

TCPA – No meeting yet this month.

Board of Adjustment – No Meeting.

Planning Zoning – Meeting next week.

Road Report - Mark Cochran updated the board on current road activities and recommended to the board we replace our shop lights with LED lights. LED Lights – Brian Mueller made a motion to approve the Thompson-Ward Electric, Inc. estimate of $4,278 to convert all the shop lights to LED. Douglas Butler seconded the motion; it was voted on and passed.

Meeting Adjourned - Art Reckinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM. Brian Mueller seconded the motion. Meeting Adjourned.