

SOLDIER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The published Revenue Neutral Rate and Budget Hearing was called to order on September 6, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. Board members present were Jerry Glasgow (Treasurer) and Mike Mathes (Clerk). There were no objections from any taxpayers relating to the revenue neutral rate or proposed tax rate and there were no questions concerning the budget, as presented. A motion was made by Member Glasgow to pass Resolution 22-02 exceeding the revenue neutral rate of 14.507 and raising it to 18.555 for Budget Year 2023. Member Mathes seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0. A Roll Call Vote was held and documented, and Resolution No. 22-02 was signed by all present board members. Meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

The regular monthly meeting of the Soldier Township Board was called to order on September 6, 2022, at 12:15 p.m. Board members present were Jerry Glasgow (Treasurer) and Mike Mathes (Clerk). Also present were Bob Oliva (Township Business Administrator/Road Superintendent), John Tipton (Co-Road Superintendent), Doug Schmitt (Fire Chief), and Laurie Moody (Bookkeeper).

Guests in attendance were – Lee Hendricks (legal counsel), Rachel Frehe, & Dustin Evans

Member Mathes made a motion to approve the check register, the bank account reconciliation reports, and the minutes from August 9, 2022 Board meeting, as presented, with no additions or amendments. Member Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Public comment and communication – There were no public comments or communication.

General – Mr. Oliva presented the General Report. The budget expenditures are exactly where they should be at this time of the year. Most of the annual advance payments have been made and the expenditures are within budgetary constraints.

When requested, Shawnee County has been unable to provide the township with a documented legal description of Soldier Township borders. Lee Hendricks is researching options for obtaining the necessary legal description to enable Soldier Township and Menoken Township to move forward with the proposed boundary changes.

Fire – Chief Schmitt presented the written Fire Department Report. The three new firefighters have all completed orientation and are now running calls. The in-house Firefighter 1 class will begin this month.

Now that school is back in session, the department plans to be working many sporting events as EMS stand-by, as well as scheduling fire station tours and class visits for schools in the district.

The hired contractor has poured the concrete for a new entrance handicap accessible ramp to the meeting room of the firehouse. After a few necessary modifications, it should be completed soon.

Chief Schmitt presented a proposal to host an AEMT Class for up to 20 students. The overall cost of the class instruction will be \$19,292 and will be divided between two invoices. The Township will pay for 5 of our own staff and collect class fees for up to 10 more students from outside Soldier Township. Member Mathes made a motion to move forward with hosting the AEMT Class. Member Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Member Mathes made motion to approve the presented agreement with the 190th Air Refueling Wing for Mutual Aid in Fire and Emergency Services. Member Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Road – John Tipton presented the Road Report. 94th Street, between Topeka Blvd and Marple Road has been repaired and the department has received numerous positive comments from residents. Asphalt replacement has also begun in the Greybeal subdivision.

Three contractors submitted bids to install electrical service in the new machine storage building. Fink Electrical submitted a bid of \$10,139.53 plus an additional bid to install electrical power for generator hookups of \$351.03. M & M Service submitted a proposal in the amount of \$19,633.82 and Torgeson Electric submitted a bid for \$12,500. After discussion, Member Mathes moved to approve the bid received from Fink Electrical for \$10,139.52 and the additional bid of \$321.60. Member Glasgow seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Mr. Tipton requested the Board set a price to sell road millings to township residents. After discussion, motion was made by Member Mathes and seconded by Member Glasgow to set the price at \$10.00 per ton for Soldier Township residents only. Motion carried 2-0.

The Case 590 backhoe was sold by Purple Wave Auction, resulting in proceeds to the township of \$36,000. Mr. Tipton requested authority to spend those proceeds for the purchase of a skid loader. Member Glasgow made motion to allow spending not to exceed \$36,000 on the purchase of a skid loader. Member Mathes seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Executive Session – Executive Session was requested for 10 minutes from 12:55 p.m. to 1:05 p.m. to discuss non-elected personnel. Participating in Executive Session was Jerry Glasgow, Mike Mathes, Bob Oliva, Doug Schmitt and Lee Hendricks.

With no binding actions having occurred in Executive Session, and no further business to come before the Board, meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

The next monthly Board meeting will be held on October 4, 2022, at 12:15 p.m.

Approved






