



Budget & Finance Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2014– 9:30 a.m.
Room 212 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Beachnau called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call – Present: Paul Beachnau, Erma Backenstose, Lee Olsen, Ken Borton, John Burt

Excused –

Others Present – Randy Stults, Mason Buckingham, Bill Michaels, Arnie Morse

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Olsen to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2013 Budget and Finance Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Sportsplex Operating Agreement

Burt reviewed the proposed operating agreement with the Sportsplex. Motion by Olsen to “recommend the Sportsplex Operating Agreement to the full Board of Commissioners with the start date changed to January 1, 2014”. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Sportsplex Millage Request

The Sportsplex Board has requested a .1875 mill sinking fund millage for five years to be voted on at a special election on May 6. The millage would raise a little over \$200,000 per year.

Michaels discussed the operational challenges faced by the Sportsplex during the recession including a dramatic decrease in the number of people playing ice hockey. The fees from the use of the addition constructed a few years ago has helped to offset the revenue lost but does not fully replace the funding.

The Sportsplex Board has discussed increasing fees, but after surveying other similar facilities they felt that increased fees would diminish their user base.

Michaels and the Sportsplex Board members present acknowledged that they understand that they will be responsible for costs associated with the special election.

Motion by Borton to “recommend to the full Board of Commissioners to approve the Sportsplex millage request as presented”. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Parks & Recreation Budget Amendments

Two budget amendments for 2013 to move payroll line items around for Parks & Recreation were discussed. Motion by Olsen to “recommend the budget amendments to the full Board of Commissioners as presented”. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Credit Card Expenditures

The Committee discussed the latest credit card bill for Administration. There was a late fee on the bill, which was removed by the credit card company. The payment was one day late due to an unusual lag in the time received via the mail.

Mr. Beachnau adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.