

**Negaunee Township Special Board Meeting – February 19, 2014**

**Call to Order**

William Carlson, Township Supervisor, called the Special Meeting of the Negaunee Township Board to order at 4:10 p.m. Other Board members present included John Ennett, Carl Nurmi and Rachel Sertich.

Absent: Duane Soine

**Purpose of the Special Meeting**

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to: 1) Adopt resolution to elect Township Board salaries, 2) Adopt resolution to hold annual meeting, budget hearing and budget work session, and 3) Legal consultation decision – Dead River Plat lot line issue.

Annual Salary Schedule Discussion was held regarding annual Board salaries. As in previous years and due to the continued strain on Township revenues, Board members once again felt it prudent to maintain current salary levels for the upcoming fiscal year. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the following Resolution was adopted:

Whereas it is the obligation of the Township Board to establish a suitable salary schedule for its officials for presentation at an annual budget hearing, the Negaunee Township Board submits the following schedule for the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2014 and ending March 31, 2015: Supervisor \$16,000 per year, Clerk \$15,000 per year, Treasurer \$15,000 per year, and Trustee \$4,200 per year.

Motion Carried  
Aye: Carlson, Ennett, Nurmi and Sertich  
Nay: None  
Absent: Soine

Annual Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting Discussion was held regarding the establishing the date and time for the Township's Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the following Resolution was adopted:

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the Township of Negaunee to hold a Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting in 2014, the Negaunee Township Board resolves that such a Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting will be held. That Budget Hearing is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 27, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. to be followed immediately by the Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be a review of various budgets, empowering the Township Board to buy and sell property, designation of a Township attorney, and such other business traditionally constituting an agenda for such annual budget hearing.

Motion Carried  
Aye: Carlson, Ennett, Nurmi, Sertich & Soine  
Nay: None  
Absent: None

Dead River Plat – Lot Line Issue Board members discussed seeking information from a downstate law firm regarding their recommendation on what is required to resolve the lot line issue between Lots #10 and #11 in the Dead River Assessor's Plat. While the Township Attorney doesn't believe any specific action needs to be taken, information from Miller Canfield has directed the Township otherwise. Since the Miller Canfield's fees are cost prohibitive, the Supervisor again recommended the question be posed to another law firm he has provided generic information to during the annual MTA meeting and who had indicated they would be able to provide information to the Township. Upon motion of John Ennett, seconded by Carl Nurmi, the Supervisor was authorized to forward a letter to the law firm of Fahey Schultz Burzyck Rhodes PLC seeking information on what steps can be taken (either by the property owners or the Township) to resolve the Dead River's Assessor Plat Lot #10 and #11 lot line issue, with a cost not to exceed \$1,500. Motion Carried

**Adjournment**

The Annual Budget Work Sessions will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Negaunee Township Hall.

No further business appearing, the Special Board meeting was duly adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Sertich  
Negaunee Township Clerk