

**Muskegon Charter Township (MCT)
Special Board Meeting Minutes
2019 Budget Work Session
November 26, 2018**

A. CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Hernandez called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Present: Hughes, Ream, Oakes, Wood, Kemp, Grabinski, Hernandez

Absent: None

Also present: Staff: Accountant Joslyn, Fire Chief Glotzbach, Police Chief Wypa, DPW Director Sanders, Assessor Good and Building Official Sheldon.

Supervisor Hernandez turned the meeting over to Treasurer Wood to discuss the 2019 Proposed Budget.

Treasurer Wood began by reviewing the revenues received by the Township. He highlighted several line items that had the greater impact on the 2019 budget (property taxes, local community stabilization share, and permits, sales tax-constitutional and statutory) and gave an explanation of the increase in the revenues to the budget. Treasurer Wood and Accountant Joslyn answered all questions.

Treasurer Wood discussed expenditures by departments and he also discussed the enterprise funds. Wage increases for the unions are dictated by their contracts. Both the DPW/Clerical and Police unions will receive a 2% wage increase per their union contracts. We are still in contract negotiations for the Fire and when we settle on a contract their wages will be reflected in the budget. He stated, he had reviewed several positions and found that they were substantially underpaid. (Building official, Assessor, Accountant, Trustees, Supervisor and Treasurer) We will begin this year to get them where they should be and gradually increase their wages over the next few years.

Supervisor Hernandez mentioned, we also included in this budget an increase in pay for the Board of Review and Planning Commission. Trustee Hughes stated, the Zoning Board of Appeals also needs an increase in pay. Supervisor Hernandez stated they will look at an increase for them also.

There being no further questions the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 pm.

Reviewed by _____ Recorded by: _____

Jennifer Hernandez, Supervisor

Ann D. Oakes, Clerk CMC, CMMC