

RIVES TOWNSHIP  
2020 FINAL BUDGET HEARING  
February 25, 2020  
Rives Tompkins Fire Station  
8682 Lansing Ave Jackson, MI 49201

A meeting of the Rives Township Board was held Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Supervisor Jerry Adams, Clerk Judi A. McCord, Treasurer Janina Teske, and Trustee Wendy Culver, Trustee Debbie Miller

The purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing for the fiscal year 2020-2021 budget.

#### **AGENDA**

**Motion by Culver, supported by Teske to approve agenda as corrected. All ayes – Motion carried.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following questions were asked and answered:

Why was the assessor's budget for wage raised; **We are leaving our options are open.**  
when is the assessor's contract expire? **On 03/31/2020.**

Why was the budget decreased for fire dept. equipment from \$80,000 to \$50,000; where did we put fire truck that we are buying; **We paid for half in the 2019/2020 Fiscal year budget and the other half will be paid for the 2020/2021 fiscal year. We will be taking possession of it on April 1, 2020.**

Why are we budgeting \$80,000 for revenue, is this state revenue; **This is revenue created by collection of local tax.**

Why were elections increased from \$5000 to \$8,000; **That is incorrect the budget has been \$8,000, since 2013/2014 thru 2019/2020 budgets and needs to remain at this amount due to Presidential Primary in August and General Election in November.**

What is Fiscal Year? **April 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2021.**

Deputy Clerk pulls off Temporary Wages and Elections Wages; **Incorrect: the deputy clerk is not paid from temporary wages.**

The township is reimbursed for elections. **The township is not reimbursed for general elections only elections involving school proposals.**

Admin fee of 1% should be removed; **The 1% admin fee covers the cost of tax and tax prep and supplies for printing and cost of postage. If eliminated it we would have to reduce our budget for the fire department and roads.**

We are paying the assessor for one day a week if we are lucky. **If we were to go with the county we would pay more and get an assessor 1 day a week. Assessors do multiple townships.**

What is cost to go with the County? **It would cost us \$7000 more to have the county do our assessing.**  
Supervisor telephone should be a township phone as we are not able to FOIA information - **Carrying three phones is not very convenient for the supervisor.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Submitted by Judi McCord, Rives Township Clerk