

**VEVAY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Public Hearing/Special Meeting for 2018-2019 Budgets  
Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
Vevay Township Hall - 6:00 p.m.**

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**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Supervisor Jesse Ramey, Clerk JoAnne Kean, Treasurer Sherwood,  
Trustees John Lazet and Richard Lacasse  
**Members Absent:** None  
**Staff Present:** Deputy Clerk Mary Ruttan  
**Others Present:** Resident Bill Diamond

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ramey at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Set/Amend Agenda.**

**MOTION by Ramey, seconded Kean, to set the agenda as presented.**

**Passed Unanimously**

Supervisor Ramey moved up the following item to be the next order of business on the agenda:  
Review and Adopt the 2018-2019 Fee Schedule.

**Review and Adopt the 2018-2019 Fee Schedule.** Supervisor Ramey reviewed the changes on the Fee Schedule including the structural alphabetical change. Clerk Kean stated once the Fee Schedule is adopted, it will be posted on the website. Discussion followed on several items regarding actual costs and procedures. After thorough discussion, the Building Board of Appeals Petition Fee increased to \$500.00, the Voter List Fee increased to \$15.00 and the Zoning Board of Appeals Petition increased to \$750.00. Supervisor Ramey stated additional fee information will be provided by Attorney Revore. Supervisor Ramey asked the Board to review the Fee Schedule and it will be adopted at the next Board of Trustees meeting on March 12, 2018.

**Review of Recommended 2018-19 Budgets.** Supervisor Ramey indicated after reviewing the previous budget worksheet, changes to the Street Light Funds were necessary to reflect the proper prior year revenue needed to balance the budget. Discussion followed regarding the need to budget for lighting upgrades and how the tax assessment is calculated. Clerk Kean stated the Zoning Board of Appeals Fee revenue should be increased to match the Fee Schedule. Discussion followed regarding the need to budget for Planning Commission (PC) Clerical per diem. In the event of the absence of the elected (PC) Secretary (Trustee Lazet), the substitute secretary will be paid a \$50 per diem. Trustee Lazet will donate his clerical time to the Township. The recommended budget was increased to cover one absent meeting payment of \$50.00. Trustee Lazet reviewed the action of the Board regarding the Hawley Cemetery funds. The Hawley Cemetery funds are in a segregated budget category, allowing us to focus the use of those funds for improvements at the Hawley Cemetery. The Board reviewed the recommended

budget for Road Improvements. An additional \$5,000.00 was added to the recommended budget to maximize the County match.

**MOTION Ramey, seconded Kean, to recess the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Property Tax Millage Rate and Presentation of the 2018-2019 Budgets.**

**Passed Unanimously**

*The meeting recessed to the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Property Tax Millage Rate and Presentation of 2018-2019 Budgets at 6:48 p.m.*

Supervisor Ramey stated last year the Township's operating millage was 0.9161. The State authorizes townships like Vevay to assess 1.0 mill. The Headlee rollback reduced Vevay Township's millage rate to 0.9161 over time. Last year Ingham County passed a millage to help pay for their unfunded mandates. Part of that millage allowed for Vevay Township to restore our operating millage back to 1.0. Overtime, Headlee will begin reducing it again. The Board of Trustees voted to restore the operating millage to 1.0 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. This will change the 2018-2019 property tax revenue from \$116,000 to \$131,000 as reflected in the Recommended Budget.

**Public Comment.**

Resident Bill Diamond indicated his interest in the Hawley Cemetery Fund. Explanation followed from the Board on the segregation of the fund and the budgeting process. In answer to a previous questions, Mr. Diamond stated the Eden Street Lights were installed prior to 1972. As a prior Supervisor, Mr. Diamond stated 50 years ago, the goals were similar to the current budget goals of Cemeteries, Road Maintenance and a township hall for residents to be able to gather.

**MOTION Ramey, seconded Sherwood, to adjourn the Public Hearing.**

**Passed Unanimously**

*Adjournment of the Public Hearing was at 6:55 p.m.*

**Public Comment.** None

**Any Other Business.** None

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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JoAnne Kean, Clerk