

Special Meeting of the Windemere Township Board for 2021 Budget - January 26, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman John Wesely. Others present were Supervisors Heidi Kroening & Mark Dunaski, Treasurer Ron Mossberg, Clerk Cindy Woltjer and Deputy Clerk Scott Danelski. Also present were three participants via Zoom.

It was discussed that the Sturgeon Island Road Project should be split into 2 segments. Segment #1 would be from the bridge to Hill Street Road and Segment #2 would be Hill Street Road to County Road 46. It was decided that the engineering costs for both segments would be done in 2021.

It was brought up that the Planning Commission was inquiring about township identity (Section 2-18 in the Windemere Township Planner) which includes a logo, slogan and entry signs that might be posted at three different places. 1)at I-35 and Lakeland Road, 2)at I-35 and County Line Road and 3) at Highway 61 and Sand Lake Road. The Planning Commission said they could do the project and put up the signs for less than \$2,500. It was tabled for more information.

Grant money is being applied for from MNDOT LRIP by Supervisor Kroening for the Palon Road project. It is important that when applying there be some impact to the township for example: Fire equipment, ambulances, school buses etc.

There was discussion on the levy being lowered by almost half in the past approx.3 years and the realization that it would eventually have to go back up to help pay for township projects. It was mentioned that if the levy isn't raised then some projects won't get done. It may also impact projects already budgeted for 2021.

Motion was made by Wesely for a levy increase of \$200,000 to be able to cover upcoming road improvements including the 2022 Sturgeon Island Road Projects. Seconded by Dunaski. Roll Call Vote Taken, Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Wesely, seconded by Kroening to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. Roll Call Vote Taken, Wesely – Aye, Kroening – Aye, Dunaski – Aye. Motion Passed 3 Aye – 0 Nay.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED :

APPROVED :

Clerk, Cindy Woltjer

Chairman, John Wesely