

The Special Meeting of the Ishpeming City Council was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in the Ishpeming City Hall Conference Room. Mayor Joseph Juidici called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Joseph Juidici, Council Members Justin Koski, Karl Lehmann, Stuart Skauge, and Mike Tonkin (5). Also present was City Manager Mark Slown and Attorney Bonnie Hoff.

AGENDA COMMENT

Claudia Demarest, 821 Maurice Street, commented on the proposed millage, the Public Improvement Fund, Equipment Fund, and the increase in water rates.

PROPOSED FIRE AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MILLAGE

Council thanked staff for all the information provided in the report. Discussion followed related to the report, keeping the referendum under 1 mill and to make a commitment to fund the remainder of the equipment in the budget through cuts in the Public Improvement Fund, and the possibility of selling property on Malton Road to generate revenue.

Jesse Shirtz, Library Director, explained the Library Board was interested in pursuing the possibility of becoming a District Library and would like to hold off on levying a millage for the Library until that was decided.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge and supported by Councilman Koski to seek a millage of up to .9 mills for Fire Department Equipment. Ayes: Mayor Juidici, Council Members Koski, Skauge, and Tonkin (4). Nays: Council Member Lehmann (1). Motion passed.

Councilman Lehmann noted his dissenting vote was because DPW was excluded from the millage and he would like them to be able to fill some of their equipment needs; but did not have any issues with the millage for the fire equipment.

There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of using fund balance to make a one-time equipment purchase.

A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to amend the 2017 budget and transfer \$165,000 from the General Fund-Fund Balance to the Public Improvement Fund for the purchase of a front-end loader for the Department of Public Works.

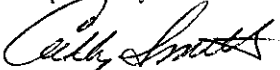
A motion was made by Councilman Skauge, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to instruct the City Manager to bring back to Council a budget amendment for the Public Improvement Fund for (2) DPW pick-up trucks.

A motion was made by Mayor Juidici, supported by Councilman Koski and carried unanimously to hold an election on August 8th for the Fire Department equipment referendum.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:55 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Koski, supported by Councilman Lehmann and carried unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,



Cathy Smith
Recording Secretary