

Kowalske questions concerning the Budget: Answers in **BOLD CAPS**

1. The \$35,000 for Dispatch Authority. I thought the 0.98 mils was going to cover this? The user fees assessed in FY22 total \$2,492,928. **THE MILLAGE IS FOR THE AUTHORITY'S BUDGET YEAR STARTING 1-1-24. WE WILL STAY BE PAYING THE NORMAL 2023 QUARTERLY WHICH IS \$8671.28 FOR 3 QUARTERS OF OUR BUDGET YEAR AND THEN IT WILL BE REDUCED TO APPROXIMATELY \$2500 TO 3000 PER QUARTER DEPENDING ON THE FORMALU PERCENTAGE. ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THIS BUDGET CENTER LAPSE TO THE GENERAL FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR AND CAN BE USED BY THE BOARD FOR ANY LAWFUL PURPOSES.**
2. The use of the ARPA-SLFRP funds to the tune of \$327,328 seems unclear. This seems like a perfect time to allocate this money as possible and funnel some budget toward roads. **ITEM 28 IN THE 2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET AND GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS CLEARLY STATES THE BOARD'S INTENT REGARDING THE USE OF THE ONE TIME FUNDS. WE ARE GATHERING INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD TO MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THE YEAR. BY LAW, THE BOARD CAN UTILIZE "SURPLUS FUNDS" FOR ROAD PROJECTS EVEN THOUGH ROAD MAINTENANCE IS NOT A TOWNSHIP COGVERNMENT FUNCTION.**
3. What are the salaries under Dept 265 – Hall for? About \$40k **PRIMARILY THE TOWNSHIP HALL ASSISTANT IS PAID FROM THIS BUDGET CENTER AND SOME ADDITIONAL FUNDS WERE PROVIDED FOR SCANNING DOCUMENTS INTO A CONTEMPLATED DIGITAL RECORD ARCHIVE.**
4. What is the Capital Outlay under Dept 265 – Hall for? \$70-80k **THE AMOUNT RELATES TO THE 22-23 BUDGET. THE BUDGET CONTEMPLATED SPENDING \$21,000 FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT ON THE TOWNSHIP HALL PARKING LOT REHAB, AT LEAST \$7500 ON UPDATING AND REPLACING IT EQUIPMENT AND \$15,000 FOR ROOF REPLACEMENT OF THE TOWNSHIP HALL. THE REMAINING \$27,500 WAS UNALLOCATED PENDING FURTHER BOARD ACTION.**
5. What Maintenance & Repairs do we have that amount to \$20-25K **ASSUMING REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE ACCOUNT IN THE TOWNSHIP HALL BUDGET, EXPENDITURES INCLUDE THE TRASH SERVICE, TOWN HALL CLEANING, ALARM MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE, PEST CONTROL SERVICES, HVAC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE, SOFT WATER SERVICE AND MISCELLANEOUS REPAIRS TO THE VARIOUS FACILITIES.**
6. What are the Membership and Dues for? \$6-7k **THE MAIN EXPENSE IS THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IN THE MICHIGAN TOWNSHIP'S ASSOCIATION AND SUBSCRIPTION TO THEIR LEARNING CENTER TOTTALLING ABOUT \$4900. ALSO INCLUDES \$220 FOR ANNUAL CHAMBER DUES.**
7. Legal Consultant? \$20-30k **FOR THE SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY BOTH IN REPRESENTNG THE TOWNSHIP IN DEFENDING ANY COURT CASES AND FOR LEGAL GUIDANCE DURING THE YEAR.**
8. Accountant Consultant? \$20k **FOR THE SERVICES OF THE AUDITOR IN PERFORMING THE REQUIRED ANNUAL AUDIT, STATE REPORTING AND PROVIDING ACCOUNTING ASSISTANCE AS NEEDED.**
9. What road work was done in 21-22 and 22-23 for \$30k? **FOR 2021, SKIP PAVING AND CHIP SEALING OF L DRIVE NORTH FROM 12 TO 14 MILE ROAD AND FROM 16 MILE TO THE EAST TOWNSHIP**

**LINE, CHIP SEALING OF TAU ROAD. FOR 2022, CHIP SEALING DIVISION DRIVE FROM 16 MILE TO CITY LIMITS, WEST DRIVE FROM VERONA TO F DRIVE NORTH, F DRIVE NORTH FROM WEST DRIVE TO OLD 27, 15 MILE FROM FREDONIA TOWNSHIP LINE TO A DRIVE NORTH. ALL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CALHOUN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT.**