Chase Township Budget Meeting March 21, 2023

<u>Board Members</u> Ken Pollaski- Supervisor Amy Patterson- Clerk Phil Lodholtz- Trustee Janel Eichenberg- Treasurer Joyce Beach- Trustee

Meeting Called To Order

Supervisor Ken Pollaski brought the Chase Township Budget meeting to order at 6:32pm. Roll call shows Ken Pollaski, Amy Patterson, Phil Lodholtz, and Joyce Beach present. Janel Eichenberg came in after roll call.

Budget discussion for the 2023/2024 fiscal year ensued by line item on the profit & loss budget overview prepared by clerk Amy Patterson. Adjustments were made by line item.

Wage and Salary line item adjustments- discussion about keeping our current employees with the rising inflation and competitive job market. There has been a general lack of interest in finding election workers and BOR members. The township sexton is doing a good job, along with the townhall maintenance employee. The following wage increases were accepted by the board as a whole:

Election inspectors \$15 per hour.

BOR members- \$15 per hour.

Cemetery maintenance \$15 per hour.

Hall Maintenance \$15 per hour.

Township Clerk- salary will be adjusted to \$16,000 per year. This is partially due to the increase in work load from the state concerning election administration and the recent proposal passage changing voting duties including the nine days early voting. Salary also reflects the extra duties on the clerk from marijuana facilities, grant writing, and reporting. Clerk Amy Patterson presented salaries from Lake County townships and Osceola County townships that were similar in size and voter numbers.

Township treasurer- salary will be adjusted to \$16,000 per year with no per parcel fees or other payments for printing tax bills.

Township supervisor- salary will be adjusted to \$7,500 per year.

Recess at 7:26 pm Resume meeting at 8:57pm

Motion to approve township budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year by Joyce Beach. Seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Roll call vote: Janel Eichenberg yes, Joyce Beach Yes, Ken Pollaski yes, Phil Lodholtz yes, Amy Patterson yes. Motion passed unanimously.

Township budgeted income: \$252,002.36 Township budgeted expenses: \$288,540.00

Library budgeted income: \$39,730.00 Library budgeted expenses: \$45,521.78

Motion to adjourn meeting by Amy Patterson, seconded by Phil Lodholtz. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.