

**Rives Township Special Board Meeting**  
**8682 Lansing Ave, Rives Junction MI 49277**

**March 11th, 2025**

**Board members present: Supervisor Jerald Adams, Clerk Joseph Super, Trustee Bryce Hammond, Treasurer Carol Schulz, Trustee Brandon Adams**

*The purpose of the special meeting is to hold a budget workshop by reviewing the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget, discuss the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget, cancel currently set budget hearing and adoption date, and set upcoming budget hearing and adoption dates.*

Meeting was called to order at 5:04PM.

Approval of Agenda

**Motion by Supervisor Adams, supported by Trustee Hammond, to approve the agenda as changed. All ayes, motion carried.**

Public Comment

Public comment began at 5:05PM and ended at 5:06PM with no one speaking.

Budget Workshop

Discussion occurred between board members for all departments in the budget in a general way, by cost center and not by individual line items. Some line items did get extra discussion or explanation including:

Deputy Supervisor, Deputy Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, PC wages, Permits and the Building Department, Collection Site Revenue and Wages, Elections and the lack of scheduled elections

so far, for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, Police (to the effect of whether or not Rives Township might want to have a contract with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department like other municipalities in the area and have some part time coverage, and whether any nearby Townships would want to co-contract for same), Staff Wages and accurately reflecting non-statutory duties that have been paid out of specific departments but should have been in Staff, Parks and Recreation, Cemeteries, Roads.

A large number of budget departments had money shifted within the department *but* did not change the total amount of funds significantly.

Supervisor Adams said that he will be meeting with the Jackson Department of Transportation early next week and will get a list of possible projects for the Township. He will also be reaching out to the Planning Commission chair to get an invoice for Region II so that half of the payment for Region II's assistance with editing Chapter 17 of the Rives Township Ordinances can be paid with the current fiscal year funds before 4/1/25. Clerk Super will be updating the proposed budget with the changes from the workshop and he will be sitting down with the Supervisor in the next few days to double check the numbers before the next meeting.

#### Upcoming Meeting Change/Reschedule

**(M-2025-041) Motion by Supervisor Adams, supported by Clerk Super, to change the public hearing for the budget and the budget adoption from 3/20/25 at 5PM to 3/19/25 at 5PM at the Lansing Ave firebarn. Roll call vote. Trustee Adams - aye, Treasurer Schulz - aye, Trustee Hammond - aye, Clerk Super - aye, Supervisor Adams - aye. All ayes, motion carried.**

#### Public Comment

Public comment began at 6:29PM.

- Resident thanked the supervisor for the change in the Parks budget.

- Resident stated that the Clerk should have had the budget better prepared, and that the Treasurer and Clerk should know what a specific abbreviation stands for and was upset that they did not. The Treasurer asked the resident for what it stands for and resident stated she would not answer that question because the board doesn't answer questions either.

Public comment ended at 6:31PM with two (2) people speaking.

**Motion by Trustee Hammond, supported by Supervisor Adams, to adjourn meeting. All ayes, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:31PM.

Submitted by Clerk Joseph Super