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Town of Arcadia Minutes of the Special Meeting Monday, November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The Special Board meeting was called to order directly after the Public Hearing Meeting by Chairman Jon Schultz at 8:30 p.m. Open meeting certifications were met. Roll call was taken. Board members present: Chairman Jon Schultz and Supervisors Barb Tock and Donna Brogan.

A motion was made by Jon Schultz and seconded by Barb Tock to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Agenda Items:

- **Setting the Levy** – N. Rohn stated that the first thing that needs to be done is to ask the constituents to adopt the levy limit, which for this year is \$555,985. The levy limit was \$452,046 in 2015. Rohn continued by explaining how the Levy Limit worksheet was calculated. Since the Township took on a debt load this year, the spreadsheet automatically adds the annual payment (\$70,000). Ivan Pronschinske commented on the taxes lost to annexed land and said that this amount would have to be made up somewhere. Discussion continued regarding how this would increase taxes. B. Tock stated that when the Board was going through the budgeting process they planned on a majority of the annual equipment payment coming out of the property taxes that were raised in 2013. They did not want to raise them again. She was concerned, though, that being too conservative could lead to having to exceed the levy limit in the future. I. Pronschinske stated that the township is an agricultural community with a majority of the taxpayers being farmers. They are having a hard time financially, and raising taxes will be hard on them. The discussion then turned to the possibility of changing the levy by removing the \$70,000 debt load line item. A majority of the attendees thought this would be a good decision. Karen Geske made a motion to decrease the levy to \$485,985. Barb Tock seconded the motion. Chairman Schultz polled the audience, and it was decided to have a show of hands. The motion carried with 7 in favor and 1 against.
- **Setting official's pay** – Barb Tock stated that the electorate can set the official's pay. Karen Geske asked about the \$25,000 total pay, assuming that at some point the Board members would increase

from 3 to 5. Beth Killian said that the salary has to be set for the Chairperson as well as both Supervisors. After a brief discussion, B. Killian made a motion to set the salary for the Chairperson to \$5400 annually, and the Supervisors to \$3400 annually. Karen Geske seconded. J. Schultz asked for a show of hands. The motion passed with 7 in favor and 1 against. Per Diems were then discussed. Beth Killian made a motion for Per Diems to remain at \$40 per meeting for officially posted meeting outside of the regularly scheduled Board meetings. Donna Brogan seconded. J. Schultz asked for a show of hands. The motion passed with 5 in favor and 3 against.

- **Setting the total Highway Expenditures** – This agenda item was removed as it is no longer necessary to set the highway expenditures per state regulations.

Chairman Schultz adjourned the meeting at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Nancy Rohn
Town of Arcadia Clerk/Treasurer
