

**Troy Township  
Finance Committee Meeting Notes  
Monday, November 15, 2021  
5:45 p.m.**

Committee Chairman Trustee Bryan Kopman called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee John Greenwood.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Trustee Bryan Kopman (Chairman)	Trustee Jerry Nudera (Vice-Chairman)
Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz	
Administrator Jennifer Dylik non-voting member (acting as Secretary)	

Committee Members not in Attendance: Assessor Kimberly Anderson; Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward

Others in attendance: Trustee John Greenwood

A quorum is established.

Chairman Kopman opened the meeting for citizen comments. After asking three times Chairman Kopman closed the meeting for citizen comments. No citizens were present.

Chairman Kopman opened the meeting for the review and discussion of the 2021 proposed Road and Bridge Fund levy and the proposed Town Fund levy presentation. Chairman Kopman complimented Supervisor Baltz and Administrator Dylik for their hard work on the presentation noting that it was very comprehensive and informative.

Chairman Kopman asked for any questions regarding the first section of the presentation covering general information about the Township, EAV, estimating EAV, TIF Districts, etc. No questions were raised.

Chairman Kopman turned the meeting over to Administrator Dylik to review the proposed Road and Bridge Fund levy.

Dylik reported that the Road and Bridge Fund levy is proposed to be filed at 104.95% of the prior year's extension for a total levy of \$1,535,757.28. The levy is expected to be limited due to PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law) to an estimate of \$1,502,841.42.

Dylik summarized the reasons to levy to the maximum allowable rate including County Aid to Road and Bridge, estimated figures are used to calculate the limiting rate (EAV, new construction), road projects, bridge projects, and building/facility infrastructure improvements.

Supervisor Baltz discussed the IDOT proposed replacement of the River Road Bridge over I-80 and the Shepley Road Bridge over I-80 and possible unknown extra costs that will fall upon the Township when IDOT makes these improvements.

Additional questions were raised and discussed regarding the Shepley Road bridge over the DuPage River project, the project scope, and estimated costs. Dylik reported that at this time the project looks like it will be a replacement and relocation vs. the initial concept of just a replacement in its current location. The project is currently funded with 80% State/Federal funds, 10% Township Funds (MFT) and 10% Will County Funds (via County Aid to Road and Bridge). The new proposed relocation and replacement will about double the estimated costs from approximately \$2,000,000 to over \$4,000,000. Chairman Kopman commented that currently the Township's exposure is 10% of the cost but if the levy is not filed at its maximum allowable rate, then the Township's exposure would double. Administrator Dylik confirmed that yes, if the levy is not filed at the maximum allowable rate the Township risks losing the County Aid to Road and Bridge funding. Supervisor Baltz inquired about the current MFT balance. Dylik reported that the Highway Commissioner is trying to use all MFT funds for this project and currently has an MFT balance around \$200,000. The intent is to continue saving but given the increased costs of the project it may be necessary to use general funds in addition to MFT.

Chairman Kopman inquired about how this levy impacts the tax rate. Dylik reviewed the tax rate history shown on page 27 of the proposal. The 2020 tax rate for Road and Bridge was .0876; the estimated limiting tax rate for 2021 is .0881 a slight increase of .0005.

Supervisor Baltz and Dylik explained the Municipal Half Share and the reduction applied to the Road Fund's extended levy.

Chairman Kopman asked for any additional questions regarding the Road and Bridge Fund proposed levy. No additional questions were raised.

Administrator Dylik began the review of the Town Fund levy reporting that it is proposed to be filed at 104.95% of the prior year's extension for a total levy of \$1,302,588.64. The levy is expected to be limited due to PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law) to an estimate of \$1,274,670.28.

Dylik summarized the reasons to levy to the maximum allowable rate including using preliminary numbers for EAV and new construction, improving the Township's financial stability staying at the six to at least nine months of reserve balance, plus significant capital improvement projects including space renovations, and mechanical system repairs (circuit #3 is currently down with an estimated repair cost of \$26,000).

The Town Fund levy supports not only the Supervisor's department but also funds General Assistance and the Assessor's department. Dylik also reported that, as in the past, a small amount will be levied directly to General Assistance with additional funds being allocated to General Assistance via operational transfers in the Budget and Appropriation ordinance. This allows the Township to monitor the carry over balance of the General Assistance Fund.

Chairman Kopman suggested that in the future Dylik include portions of the Capital Equipment Replacement Spreadsheet in the levy presentation. Additional discussion was had about the current 2014 Ford SUV, its usage and current milage.

Chairman Kopman asked for any additional questions regarding the Town Fund levy. No questions were raised.

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Supervisor Baltz for the Finance Committee to recommend the Township Board approve the Road and Bridge levy as proposed at \$1,535,757.28. Motion carried.

Motion made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Supervisor Baltz for the Finance Committee to recommend the Township Board approve the Town Fund levy including General Assistance as proposed at \$1,302,588.64. Motion carried.

Chairman Kopman does not feel another meeting is needed. He asked for any additional comments. No comments were made.

Motion made by Supervisor Baltz; seconded by Trustee Nudera to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted:

  
Jennifer Dylik  
Secretary