

**West Branch Township  
Budget Workshop / Special Meeting  
March 12th, 2024 DRAFT MINUTES**

Budget Workshop / Special Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 11:00 AM.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Morris, Diane Philbrick, Jeremy Hickmott, Mike Selinski and Mike Durfee

**Public Present:** One Individual in Attendance

MOTION BY PHILBRICK, SECOND BY MORRIS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.  
VOICE VOTE: YEA – MORRIS, PHILBRICK, HICKMOTT, SELINSKI AND DURFEE. NAY -  
NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Proposed Budget 2024-2025 Review** – The board was presented with proposed budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal years. The board reviewed the budget sections that had questions which included items such as the Marijuana Fund, discussion pertaining to existing CD accounts, discussion pertaining to the Water and sewer accounts, the Township Water Tower, and some newly created accounts in the budget. Discussion also was had about the newly created Public safety Fund which will be for the future police service for West Branch Township. There was also discussion pertaining to the newly created Parks and Recreation fund which will mainly be for planned expenditures and costs associated with the current township lease of the Ogemaw Hills Recreation facility. There was also discussion about the budget item that pertaining to the costs associated with traffic lights on the Business Loop. Treasurer Philbrick mentioned she would contact the road commission about how the billing of that has changed.

The board was also provided a single sheet of information detailing the revenues and expenditures for the Township over the past four fiscal years. The document also included details of new budget expenditures and information from previous audits pertaining to other budget items.

MOTION BY HICKMOTT, SECOND BY DURFEE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. VOICE VOTE  
ALL YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM