

A Special Workshop Meeting of the Otsego City Commission was held Monday, November 8, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Trobeck at 7:00 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Stacey Withee, and Lauri Krueger. Absent: Brent Milhiem, and Dustin McNees. Also present: City Manager, Aaron Mitchell.

Commissioner Krueger moved to excuse Commissioner Milhiem and Commissioner McNees, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED.

A. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. PRESENTATION – PA 33 OF 1951

Mayor Trobeck asked the audience what does the public need to hear and be informed of as the City is looking at PA 33 of 1951 – establishing a special assessment district for the City to assist the General Fund in funding Police and Fire. At this time, she presented a slide show to illustrate the current state-of-the City in regards to funding and how the City got to where it is financially today.

PA 33 of 1951, was explained as a financial means to create a special assessment district and the levying of mills to fund the Police and Fire. The details of the special assessment district were discussed in detail.

The audience commented that the citizens need and want to know the current financial status of the City and the funding necessary to keep Police and Fire coverage as it is now. They also commented that it should be explained how some of the funding issues are State mandated, such as the Personal Property Taxes and the LCSA funding.

Various ways to inform the public were discussed. Mayor Trobeck stressed that the City Commission wants to be transparent, during this process.

The Commission answered questions of the audience regarding how the special assessment district would be used and how it would affect the current Fire millage. City Manager will contact the City's attorney for clarification regarding these questions.

REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

At this time, Mayor Trobeck set the following meeting dates:

- Monday, November 15, 2021; 5:00 p.m. – Policy and Marketing – Regular City Commission Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 23, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – Informational Meeting
- Monday, December 13, 2021; 7:00 p.m. – Informational Meeting
- Saturday, January 8, 2022; 10:00 a.m. – Informational Meeting

She thanked residents Chuck Moore and Mike R. Bush for attending and for their comments and recommendations.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Commissioner Krueger, seconded by Commissioner Withee. CARRIED – 8:45 p.m.

Angela M. Cronen, MMC
City Clerk