**Powell Township Board**

**Public Hearing**

**101 Bensinger, Big Bay 49808**

**Tuesday September 15th, 2019 7:37 PM**

**Draft Minutes**

**Public Hearing Opened:**

A public hearing for Truth in Taxation was called to order by Supervisor- Turner at 7:37p.

* Truth in Taxation was published in the paper and is an increase of 0.1103 mils. Operating millage would be levied in 2020. It would bring about $15,000 more to the Township.
* Morin read Truth in Taxation resolution aloud.

**Public Comment:**

J. Gertz stated the ad in the paper was incorrect. It stated Monday September 15th, 2020. People showed up on Monday night waiting. Gertz also stated a notice was not posted until the night before.

J. Gertz asked what the increase would be. Turner stated it would be 11 cents per thousand in increase.

M. Walker asked what the increase was needed for. Turner stated it is a way for the Township to increase its operating budget without raising taxes. Walker stated this wasn’t a specific reason and wanted to know what the money would be used for. Turner stated there haven’t been increases since the 80’s and the money would be used for the sanitation department which is in the red. The funds could also be used for the Fire Department, EMS, and Park’s and Recreation.

B. Ford stated this hurts lower income or fixed income people.

M. Walker stated 30% of residents in Powell Township are retired, and this is a hard financial time with COVID. Not a good time to do this.

K. December stated there are other ways the Township could bring in more money like taxing VRBO’s. They are out of control and not paying taxes like hotels.

C. Moran stated there have been increases over time contrary to Turner’s statement.

Turner stated the Township counts on revenue sharing which can be lowered or taken at anytime.

**Public Hearing Closed:**

A public hearing on Truth in Taxation was closed by Supervisor Turner at 7:54pm.

Notes prepared by Leah Fraley