

# Gourley Township Menominee County Michigan Minutes of March 11, 2024 Budget Hearing Meeting

Supervisor Stephen Wery called the meeting to order at the Gourley Township Hall at 6:00 p.m. Stephen Wery led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Present: Stephen Wery, Supervisor  
Ivy Netzel, Clerk  
Stephanie Walechka, Treasurer  
Jesse Wery, Trustee  
Dan Cordy, Trustee

Absent:

**Also Present:** Bonnie and Dennis Hahn

**Agenda:** Agenda presented. Stephanie moved to accept the agenda and Ivy supported the motion. It was carried.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 13, 2023, Budget Hearing were presented. Dan made a motion to accept the minutes and to place them on file. Jesse supported the motion and the motion carried.

**Budget Hearing:** Stephen Wery presented the Preliminary Budget for 2024-2025. The Township's total taxable value is \$19,840,085.00. The Township is allocated 1.5 mills from the taxpayers and with the headlee rollback it is 1.2992. To calculate the amount of funds the taxes will bring in for the General Fund, you take the Total taxable value and multiply it by 1.2992 like this ( $\$19,840,085.00 \times 0.0012992 = \$25,776.00$ ). The majority of the Township funding is supported by State Revenue Sharing at approximately \$48,700.00. The Fire Fund is allocated 3.0 mills and with the headlee rollback it is 2.2992 so you would calculate it like this ( $\$19,840,085.00 \times 0.0022992 = \$45,616.00$ ). The 2024-2025 Budget predicts the following revenues and expenditures:

## General Fund

Total Revenue of \$90,526.00  
Total Expenditures \$90,482.93  
Projected Balance of \$43.07

## Fire Fund

Total Revenue \$46,216.00  
Total Expenditures \$46,194.10  
Projected Balance of \$21.90

Swamp tax is DNR Land (PILT). The DNR gets 18 mills (School Operating) off of their taxes, and they set their own assessments.

**Public Comment:** Dennis Hahn asked, because the fire department millage is twice the size of the township millage, if some of the fire department's millage could be shifted over to the township side to pay for things like road repairs. Steve responded that the fire department has long term needs, like the future purchase of a replacement fire truck, and other equipment needs. Steve mentioned that the township board could raise the millage by 1 mill without going to the voters for a millage, but the board has resisted doing that in the past. Steve and Dennis discussed the plan for road repairs in Gourley this upcoming summer.

**Adjourn:** Moved by Stephanie and supported by Ivy to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. The motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will immediately follow after a short intermission.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivy Netzel, Clerk

Date Approved: March 10, 2025