

Gourley Township

Menominee County Michigan

DRAFT Minutes of March 9, 2026 Budget Hearing Meeting

Supervisor Stephen Wery called the meeting to order at the Gourley Township Hall at 6:08 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: Brian Mack

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

Minutes: The minutes of the March 10, 2025, Budget Hearing were presented. Stephanie made a motion to accept the minutes and to place them on file. Dan supported the motion and the motion carried.

Budget Hearing: Stephen Wery presented the Preliminary Budget for 2026-2027. The Township's total taxable value is \$21,580,995.00. The Township is allocated 1.5 mills from the taxpayers and with the headlee rollback it is 1.2886. 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 1.2886 like this ($\$21,580,995.00 \times 0.0012886 = \$27,809.27$). The majority of the Township funding is supported by State Revenue Sharing at approximately \$48,000.00. The Fire Fund is allocated 3.0 mills and with the headlee rollback it is 2.2805 so you would calculate it like this ($\$21,580,995.00 \times 0.0022805 = \$49,215.50$). The 2026-2027 Budget predicts the following revenues and expenditures:

General Fund

Total Revenue of \$93,300.00
Total Expenditures \$93,277.17
Projected Balance of \$22.83

Fire Fund

Total Revenue \$50,600.00
Total Expenditures \$50,599.06
Projected Balance of \$0.94

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

Some minor changes in the Fire Fund involve consolidating the two Assistant Fire Chief positions at \$400 each into one position, and then increasing the one Assistant Fire Chief's salary to \$800.

The General Appropriations Act was discussed and passed.

Public Comment: none

Adjourn: Moved by Jesse and supported by Stephanie to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion carried. The next Regular Board Meeting will immediately follow after a short intermission.

Respectfully submitted,

Ivy Netzel, Clerk

Date Approved: _____