

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING
February 15, 2023
*UNAPPROVED***

Immediately following the Commissioners Meeting

Call to Order: Bob Long opened the hearing and called it to order at 6:26pm.

Roll Call:

Board Members: Bob Long, Mike Roberts and Mark Johanson present

Public Present In Person: Dottie Long, Chris Roberts, Tom Mangels and Robert Roudebush

Public Present via Zoom: Ken Huard and Brian Loutrel

Opening Discussion: The Commissioners agreed to read and ask for public input on each article individually with notes as follows:

2023 Article 1: (General Operations Budget): Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 2: (Water Dept. Operating Budget): Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 3: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 4: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 5: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 6: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 7: Kristi Garofalo said legal costs for the recent TAN loan reduced the General Operating Legal Expenses Capital Reserve Fund to the point it starts 2023 at a negative balance. She asked if the Commissioners wanted to increase the proposed \$2,000 deposit amount to account for the negative. After discussion, Bob Long moved to set the amount at \$3,000; Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

2023 Article 8: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 9: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 10: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 11: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 12: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

2023 Article 13: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

The following articles were added or changed:

ADDED 2023 Article 14 To Establish and Fund a Pool Replacement Capital Reserve Fund: The Commissioners discussed a report the pool is nearing the end of its life and the need to begin setting aside funds to help pay replacement costs. Mark Johanson moved to add an article to the warrant to set up a Pool Replacement Capital Reserve Fund with an initial deposit of \$5,000 and the Commissioners as agents to expend. Bob Long seconded and the motion passed.

ADDED 2023 Article 15 To Establish a Contingency Fund: Mark Johanson made a motion to add an article to the warrant to establish a Contingency Fund with a deposit of \$4,500 for unanticipated expenses that might arise during the year. Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

ARTICLE NUMBER CHANGE 2023 Article 16 (Non-Monetary) Water Tariff Amendment: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

ADDED 2023 Article 17 (Non-Monetary) Zoning Ordinance Amendment #1: Mark Johanson made a motion to add an article to the warrant regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 1 (Cleanup on Lots) as recommended by the Planning Board. Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

ADDED 2023 Article 18 (Non-Monetary) Zoning Ordinance Amendment #2: Mark Johanson made a motion to add an article to the warrant regarding Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2 (Telecommunications Facilities) as recommended by the Planning Board. Bob Long seconded and the motion passed.

ADDED 2023 Article 19 (Non-Monetary) Authority to Sell District Properties Group No. 1: The Commissioners discussed the suggestion to sell certain MLD-owned properties to raise funds and put the properties back on the tax rolls. Mark Johanson made a motion to add an article to the warrant to authorize the sale of MLD-owned properties in Group 1. Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

ADDED 2023 Article 20 (Non-Monetary) Authority to Sell District Properties Group No. 2: Mark Johanson made a motion to add an article to the warrant to authorize the sale of MLD-owned properties in Group 2. Mike Roberts seconded and the motion passed.

ARTICLE NUMBER CHANGE 2023 Article 21 (Non-Monetary) Elect District Officers: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

ARTICLE NUMBER CHANGE 2023 Article 22 (Non-Monetary) Any Other Legal Business: Little to no discussion; no changes made.

Proposed Warrant Approval: Mark Johanson made a motion to accept the budgets and articles recommended by the Budget Advisory Committee with the changes and additions changes noted above, and to put the accepted articles on the 2023 warrant for voter approval. Bob Long seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Long moved to adjourn and Mark Johanson seconded. The public hearing was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo