

September 21, 2015 Preliminary Budget Meeting and Other Business

Chairman Gary Deck called this special meeting to order at 6:03 P.M. in the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing the preliminary 2016 Budget. Those attending were Gary A Deck, Rick Kramer, Lester Feick, Christy Flaherty, Heather Claman, Kris Kerschner, and Robbi Lane.

Budget 2016

Township Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The Board discussed when the radios will be paid off and what makes up the 911 Fee. They discussed the police services that are being contracted to Marion Township and decided not to increase the annual bill. The Board discussed the road maintenance still planned for 2015 and the purchase of road equipment in 2016. Supervisor Feick advised that he is hoping the Township will purchase a new tractor in 2016. He had a quote of \$92,200 for a John Deere tractor with mower, but would also like to research the price of a Case International. The Board discussed establishing a Recreation Fund, it was agreed to transfer \$2,000 to the fund. The Board discussed the funds in the Emergency Maintenance and Building funds. It was agreed to remove the Emergency Maintenance line from the budget and to transfer \$1,695 to the Building fund. They also discussed purchasing a new telephone system and security cameras and the safety of Township employees. A suggestion was made to use funds from the Building Maintenance fund to cover the expenses of building security and the purchase of a new telephone system and cameras. Supervisor Feick reported that he had a quote from Choice Communications for approximately \$3,000 for a telephone system consisting of eight (8) telephones.

Chairman Deck made a motion to establish a Recreation Fund and to authorize the transfer of \$2,000 from the General fund to the Recreation fund. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to transfer \$1,695 from the General fund to the Building fund. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Supervisor Feick inquired if the Board would be in favor of him getting a quote for the commercial and worker's compensation insurances. He reported that he and the Fire Company have recently changed insurance companies and on the money that they are saving. He also noted that currently the Township's insurance coverage for Township equipment and the fire engines is current value not the replacement value. All Board members agreed that it was a good idea and had no problem with Supervisor Feick getting a quote.

The Board agreed to have another budget review meeting on October 26, 2015 at 6 P.M. They also discussed authorizing the advertisement of the budget for public viewing at the November meeting and adopting the 2016 Budget at the December meeting.

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to authorize the advertisement of a budget review meeting on October 26, 2015 at 6 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed paying the 2015 year end bills. It was agreed that all of the 2015 bills should be paid the last week of 2015 and that the Board will approve them at the January, 2016 meeting.

Mrs. Flaherty noted that any funds highlighted in pink are subject to change.

The Board discussed the Police services provided to Marion Township and agreed not to increase the amount charged for services in 2016.

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion not to increase the annual bill for the Police services that are contracted to Marion Township. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed contracting Police services to the Tulpehocken School District which could generate an income of approximately \$13,176 for nine (9) months per year. Chief Kerschner inquired if the Board would like him to attend the school board meetings. The Board agreed that is a good idea and felt that he should attend one (1) meeting per month.

Chief Kerschner reported that a Church has offered to make a donation to the Police Department.

The total expected revenue for all accounts in 2016, not including the sewer account, amounted to \$1,071,181. The total expenses for all accounts, not including the sewer funds, amounted to \$1,020,509.

Sewer Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Mrs. Claman reviewed the sewer accounts with the Board members. The Board discussed the liability insurance, noting that the policy is paid every three (3) years. It was agreed to also have Supervisor Feick look into a quote for this insurance. They discussed the debt service account and the possibility of increasing the sewer rate again in 2016.

Total expected revenues for 2016 are \$343,516. Expected expenses amounted to \$343,250, including loan payments.

Other Business

Vice Chairman Kramer updated the Board on a telephone call his wife received with regards to having a poultry processing plant on a property in the Township; Mrs. Kramer advised the caller on the process with regards to getting approval for having a poultry processing plant.

Fire Police Coverage request from Jefferson Township for the Tulpehocken High School Homecoming scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2015

Supervisor Feick made a motion to authorize the participation of the Fire Police for the Tulpehocken High School Homecoming, scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed the upcoming Sheriff Sale scheduled for September 29, 2015 for the Zimmerman's personal property. The amount due is over \$6,000. The Board discussed the value of the items that have been levied. The items levied will be confiscated by the Township; the Township would be responsible for having the property appraised and sold.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township