

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Budget Workshop
Meeting of April 8, 2015**

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on April 8, 2015 in the Township meeting room at 6 P.M. for a Budget Workshop. In attendance and voting were Supervisors: Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Richard Kramer and Supervisor Lester Feick. Also present were Kris Kerschner, Police Chief; Christy Flaherty, Township Secretary/Treasurer; Robbi Lane, Police Secretary and Chris Hartman, Township Solicitor.

Members of the audience included: Lori Deck, Mr. & Mrs. John Kintzer, Gene Umbenhauer, Larry Dean Martin, Curvin Reiff, Betty Parson, Ray Daub, Jake Derr, John Zimmerman, Nelson Beidler, Robert Sattazahn and various other interested parties.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gary Deck called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

BUDGET 2015 – 1st QUARTER

The Board was provided with a copy of the 1st quarter numbers of the 2015 Budget. The General Fund revenues as of March 31, 2015 are \$171,441. The General Fund expenses as of March 31, 2015 are \$142,825. The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Chairman Deck inquired with regards to GL #331.12 (Code Violations); he requested a breakdown of what makes up those costs. Mrs. Flaherty advised that she would provide that information.

It was noted that the paid health insurance benefits were now being shown under the individual Departments, not under Employer Paid Benefits section.

Chairman Deck inquired as to when Worker's Compensation & Commercial Insurance's are due to be paid.

The Board discussed the Liquid Fuels Fund. The revenues as of March 31, 2015 are \$178,303. The expenses as of March 31, 2015 are \$9,888. The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed.

Chairman Deck inquired on the current salt situation and if the salt that was borrowed from Upper Tulpehocken & Marion Townships had been replaced. Supervisor Feick reported that the Township is still waiting to receive three (3) more loads and that the salt

borrowed from Upper Tulpehocken & Marion Townships has not been replaced at this time. It was recommended to place an order for more salt before this season ends.

The Board discussed the amount of roadway that the Township is paving each year; it was noted that one (1) mile is being paved per year. The Board agreed that number needs to be increased. They also discussed the amount of money received from the State for the Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax (\$142,943) and the cost of paving.

The Board discussed the revenue received from taxes.

The Board discussed how the healthcare expense keeps increasing.

The Board discussed the Public Works budget and trying to control overtime. Supervisor Feick noted that overtime is normally not a problem in the summer; he also reported on the work he has planned for this year.

The Board discussed the Police budget. Chief Kerschner reported on the grants that the Department is applying for and noted that any grant detail overtime would be paid for out of the grant money. As far as regular patrol hours, no one is being paid for overtime; they are taking as comp time/paid time off.

The Board discussed the 2014 carry over and the transfer of funds from the PLGIT Plus account. Mrs. Flaherty reported that she transferred \$20,000 from the PLGIT Plus Account to pay all of the bills on hand at the end of December, 2014. The balance in the PLGIT Plus account as of March 31, 2015 is \$178,767. Chairman Deck advised that he is not in favor of raising taxes and that the Township is trying to be very conservative with regards to spending.

Mr. Kintzer inquired as to why Teen Challenge Road was made as wide as it was. The Board advised that the road was widened due to the increase of truck traffic and discussed the weights of the trucks traveling the Township's roadways. Mr. Kintzer noted that he feels that the roadway did not need to be as wide as it is.

Mr. Kintzer commented with regards to the Township cutting expenses. He also inquired with regards to the funds budgeted for recreation. Chairman Deck reported that the Township has not spent anything to date; he also discussed the land donated to the Township by Mr. Larry Dean Martin.

The Board discussed the Mt. Meadows development in Mt. Aetna.

Chairman Deck reported that it is the Board's intention to replace the carpet in the Municipal building.

The Board discussed the new budget report format and agreed to remove the 2013 Budget column and to add a column showing the 2014 quarterly updates.

Mr. Kintzer requested a copy of the 2015 Budget and the 2014 Audit. Attorney Hartman recommended that he fill out a right-to-know request.

Attorney Hartman discussed the right-to-know request and having a consistent policy. The Board agreed that all public records should be available via the right-to-know request.

The Board agreed to schedule the next budget review meeting for July 8, 2015 at 6 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township