

**Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors
Preliminary Budget Meeting of November 9, 2016**

Chairman Gary Deck called this special meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Municipal Building for the purpose of discussing the preliminary 2017 Budget. Those attending were Gary A. Deck, Rick Kramer, Lester Feick, Kris Kerschner, Christy Flaherty, Heather Claman, and Robbi Lane.

Members of the audience included: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Levan.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

REVIEW 2017 PRELIMINARY BUDGETS

Township Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Chief Kerschner explained the reduction of income for traffic violations; noting the officers have less time to run speed. The Board discussed the sale of the Police Department's old guns that were recently replaced; Chief Kerschner advised that he has been told they are worth approximately \$300 each. Chief Kerschner reported that of the three (3) hand guns; one (1) will be kept for a backup and the remaining two (2) will be sold. He would like to purchase one (1) and Vice Chairman Kramer would like to purchase the other. The Board discussed the funds budgeted towards health insurance in 2017 and advised that they would like that amount increased by 10% of the projected year end for 2016. Mrs. Flaherty reported that she is working on reimbursing the Township for stormwater inspection fees; noting that funds will be transferred from the Stormwater Escrow Account to the General Fund. The Board discussed contributing more funds into the Recreation Fund; it was agreed to increase the amount budgeted in 2017 to \$5,000 and that the decision on transferring the funds would be made in October of 2017. The Board discussed the money spent from the Municipal Building Fund in 2015 and 2016 to upgrade the Municipal building and agreed not to transfers those funds from the general Fund to reimburse the Municipal Building Fund. Chairman Deck advised that he would like to discuss the matter with the Solicitor later this evening. The Board agreed that the Recreation, Building/Maintenance and P.T.O. funds should all have spreadsheets. According to the proposed budget reviewed tonight the total expected revenue for all accounts in 2017, not including the sewer account, amounted to \$1,155,901. The total expenses for all accounts, not including the sewer funds, amounted to \$1,144,186. It was noted that these dollars amounts did not reflect the changes discussed tonight.

Sewer Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. According to the proposed budget reviewed tonight the total expected revenues for 2017 is \$360,413.06. Expected expenses amounted to \$359,741.33, including loan payments.

Motion to advertise the 2017 Preliminary Budget available for public inspection – the 2017 Budget will come before the Board for adoption at the December 14, 2016 meeting at 7 P.M.

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to advertise the 2017 Preliminary Budget for the General, Liquid Fuels and Street Light Funds available for public inspection. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Supervisor Feick made a motion to advertise the 2017 Preliminary Budget for the Sewer Fund available for public inspection. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Supervisor Feick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7 P.M. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township