

September 18, 2017 Preliminary Budget Meeting and Other Business

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 2018 Budget. Those attending were Gary A. Deck, Rick Kramer, Lester Feick, Christy Flaherty, Heather Claman, Chief Kerschner and Robbi Lane.

No audience was present.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

BUDGET 2018

Township Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The Board discussed the proposed amount of carry over at the end of 2017. Chairman Deck reported that he would like to see the proposed revenues and expenses for 2018 to be more balanced. Mrs. Flaherty suggested increasing the proposed amounts for insurance premiums due to possible increases. She also reported that two (2) new line items have been added to the budget; on the revenue side a line for donations to National Night Out and on the expense side a line under the Fire Company for fuel usage. The Board agreed that 10% of the 2017 carry over should be budgeted for transfer into the Building Fund in 2018. It was suggested to increase the proposed amount in 2018 for snow and ice removal.

Purchase of new patrol vehicle – The Board reviewed the quotes presented for purchasing a 2018 Ford Explorer as follows:

- Day Ford \$38,461
- Kovatch Ford \$37,182
- Manderbach Ford \$39,618

Mrs. Lane advised that the above quotes included a \$2,000 rebate that will expire September 30th. The Board discussed whether the Township should purchase an SUV or car; it was agreed to purchase an SUV.

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to authorize the Police Department to order a 2018 Ford Explorer from Kovatch Ford for an approximate cost of \$37,182; over a three (3) year lease. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

The Board discussed keeping the Crown Victoria to park in various locations throughout the Township as a deterrent.

Chief Kerschner commented with regards to the September 13th Supervisors' meeting and Mr. Field's complaint about a school bus speeding thru Rehrersburg; he reported that he has been in touch with Kyle Batz (Transportation Director for Tulpehocken Area School District) and was advised that the bus's speed was between 38 – 40 MPH. He also updated the Board with regards to his recent patrolling on Wintersville Road; noting he was unable to catch any speeders

CORRESPONDENCE

Bethel Tulpehocken Public Library is requesting the Township consider increasing the yearly donation to help with renovations. Currently the Township donates \$5,000 per calendar year. If the Township chooses to increase the donation the library would like a Statement of Intent

The Board discussed the request and agreed to donate an additional \$2,500 in 2018 and 2019; it was noted that the donation amount would return to \$5,000 in 2020.

Supervisor Feick made a motion to increase the donation to the Bethel Tulpehocken Public Library to \$7,500 in 2018 and 2019; noting that in 2020 the donation amount would be reduced back to \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Chairman Deck and passed unanimously (3-0).

Animal Rescue League Agreement and Donation – The League is asking for an increase in the amount donated; the Township contributed \$500 in 2013, \$750 in 2014 and \$500 in 2015, 2016 and 2017

The Board discussed the request and agreed to increase the 2018 donation to \$750.

Supervisor Feick made a motion to donation \$750 to the Animal Rescue League in 2018. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

Supervisor Feick excused himself from the meeting, due to another commitment.

BUDGET 2018 (Continued)

Sewer Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. The Board discussed the DEP's sewer cap; noting that currently the Township is allowed five (5) connections per year per pump station. The Board discussed the proposed amount of carry over at the end of 2017; it was noted that as of today no money has been transferred from the Debt Service Account. Chairman Deck inquired with regards to the Debt Service Account as to how much should be transferred out on a yearly basis in order to last the forty (40) years. Mrs. Claman advised she would research the matter and report back to the Board.

Township Funds (Continued)

Chairman Deck suggested that the Board consider establishing a Bridge Fund.

The Board discussed reviewing and advertising the 2018 Proposed Budget for public review; it was agreed that would be done on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 6 P.M.; a motion to advertise the meeting will be made at the October meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Vice Chairman Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. The motion was seconded by Chairman Deck and passed unanimously (2-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township