

## **December 15, 2014 Budget Adoption Meeting**

Chairman Gary Deck called this special meeting to order at 7:05 A.M. in the Municipal Building for the purpose of adopting the 2015 Budget. Those attending were Gary A. Deck, Rick Kramer, Lester Feick and Christy Flaherty.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

### **2015 Budget for Township and Sewer Funds**

The Supervisors agreed that the Township needs to keep an eye on spending.

**2015 Budget Certification** – The proposed 2015 Budget had been advertised as available for public inspection on November 21, 2014, after having been reviewed and preliminarily approved by the Board on November 20, 2014. The 2015 Budget for all Township accounts, except the Sewer Service, proposes revenues of \$1,008,735 and expenditures of \$997,818.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-15** to enact the 2015 Budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

**2015 Budget Certification for Sewer Service** – The proposed 2015 Budget for all public sewer funds had been advertised as available for public inspection on November 21, 2014, after having been reviewed and preliminarily approved by the Board on November 20, 2014. The 2015 Budget for all public sewer funds proposed revenue of \$332,480 and expenditures of \$332,325.33.

*Supervisor Feick made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2014-16** to enact the 2015 Sewer Budget. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).*

**Tax Levy Resolution** – This resolution fixed the rate for the year 2015 as follows:

**Real Estate Tax Levy** – remains at 1.6 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or the Sum of 16 cents on each one hundred dollars of assessed valuation (\$160 for each \$100,000.00 valuation).

**Act 511 Per Capita Tax Levy** – remains at the rate of \$5.00 payable of all residents 18 years of age or older.

**Act 511 Real Estate Transfer Tax Levy** – remains at the rate of one half percent.

**Act 511 Earned Income Tax Levy** – remains at the ratio of one half percent.

**Tax Rate for Street Light usage in the Villages of Rehrersburg and Mt. Aetna** – at the rate of \$.75 for each front foot of property that is serviced by the coverage of such Street Light on each property.

*Supervisor Kramer made a motion to adopt the Tax Levy **Resolution 2014-17** to enact the Tax Levy for 2015. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Mrs. Flaherty inquired on the weekly hours authorized for her position; she noted that the prior Secretary advised her that the hours could vary from twenty-five to thirty per week. The Board agreed that the weekly hours should be approximately twenty-five; noting that the hours should not exceed thirty hours per week, due to having to pay benefits. The Board also agreed that Mrs. Flaherty is doing a good job.

The Board discussed all Departments needing to watch their spending and the possibility of contracting out Police services and agreed that they do not want to cut any staff.

Supervisor Deck requested that the Police Department's budget reflect any costs associated with health insurance and workers compensation.

The Board discussed transferring funds out of the reserve account. Supervisor Feick advised that has happened in the past to balance the budget.

The Board discussed selling the old Police cruiser and agreed to advertise the sale next year.

Supervisor Feick reported on the quotes he has received for a spreader for the International dump truck. Supervisor Deck suggested contacting Triad Truck Equipment for a quote.

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

*Supervisor Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 A.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Christy Flaherty*

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township