

November 20, 2014 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 discussion on the preliminary 2015 Budget. Those attending were Gary A. Deck, Rick Kramer, Lester Feick, Christy Flaherty, Heather Claman, and Robbi Lane.

Also present were Cheryl Allerton and Rebecca Bell from Allerton Bell P.C.

Call to Order

Supervisor Deck called the meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

Proposal from Allerton Bell P.C.

Ms. Allerton and Ms. Bell proposed their services to the Township; both attorneys reported on their work experience over the years since being accepted into the bar.

Supervisor Deck advised Ms. Allerton and Ms. Bell on the status of the Township's sewer amnesty program.

Ms. Bell inquired on what type of issues the Township is dealing with. Supervisor Deck reported on the types of legal matters that the Township has been involved with over the past several years.

Ms. Allerton advised that Allerton Bell P.C. would match Hartman Shurr Valeriano's rate at \$155.00 per hour. Supervisor Deck requested that the Township receive a written quote. Ms. Allerton stated that she would email that information.

The Board reported on various code issues that the Township has been dealing with.

The Board thanked Ms. Allerton and Ms. Bell for their time. Ms. Allerton and Ms. Bell returned the thank you.

Budget 2015

Township Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. It was decided to transfer 20% of the carryover from 2014 to the Emergency Backup Maintenance Fund and to transfer 5% of the carry over to the Building/Maintenance Fund. The Board also agreed to transfer funds from the reserve account to balance the budget.

The Board discussed having some type of tax increase in 2015 and agreed that further discussion is needed. They also would like to have input from the public.

Supervisor Feick made a motion to advertise the 2015 preliminary budget available for public inspection. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Kramer and passed unanimously (3-0).

The 2015 Budget will come before the Board for adoption at the December 15, 2014 meeting at 7 A.M.

The total expected revenue for all accounts in 2015, not including the sewer account, amounted to \$1,166,056. The total expenses for all accounts, not including the sewer funds, amounted to \$997,818.

Sewer Funds - The line item breakdown for each account was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Heather Claman reviewed the sewer accounts with the Board members. Total expected revenues for 2015 are \$340,480. Expected expenses amounted to \$332,325.33, including loan payments.

Supervisor Kramer made a motion to advertise the 2015 preliminary sewer budget available for public inspection. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

The 2015 Sewer Budget will come before the Board for adoption at the December 15, 2014 meeting at 7 A.M.

Supervisor Kramer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 P.M. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Feick and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,

Christy Flaherty

Secretary, Tulpehocken Township