

Tulpehocken Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 11, 2023
Preliminary Budget Meeting and Other Business

The Tulpehocken Township Board of Supervisors met on October 11, 2023, in the Township meeting room at 6:00 P.M. Supervisors in attendance and voting were Chairman Gary Deck, Vice Chairman Lester Feick and Supervisor Harold Zimmerman.

Also present were Police Chief Bryan Dronick, Township Secretary & Treasurer Kathy Judy and Sewer Services Secretary Lisa Care.

There was no audience present.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deck called the meeting to order at 6:09 P.M.

The meeting continued with the pledge to the American Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

NEW BUSINESS: Review 2024 Preliminary Budgets:

Sewer Funds – The line-item breakdown for each accounts’ 2023 third quarter year to date and 2023 projected year end were reviewed. The Board revisited talks of an increase in sewer service fees. It was noted that the previous user fee increase was in 2015. A history of revenues, expenses and balances, and a letter from the Township Engineer in support of an increase, were reviewed. The Board agreed that a 10% increase in sewer service user fees is appropriate. A motion to adopt the increase by resolution to be made at the Board of Supervisors Meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM. It was also mentioned that the Sewer Operator service expenses are expected to change and 2024 projections will be need to be adjusted after the Board reviews proposals which are due by October 31, 2023. Projected revenues and expenses for 2024, including the loan payments, will be reviewed again in November.

Township Funds - The line-item breakdown for each accounts’ 2023 third quarter year to date and 2023 projected year end were reviewed. Mrs. Judy is to find out why there were no cell phone tower royalties received in 2023. Also, because the 2023 projected carryover was lower than the actual carryover, the amount transferred to the building fund was lower than intended. It was agreed that the amount for transfer to the building fund should be recalculated and the difference be transferred to the building fund; the matter to be followed up on at the November meeting. Changes proposed for the 2024 budget included increases to police equipment, Fire Company and Ambulance contributions, road maintenance and road equipment expenses. Projected revenues and expenses for 2024 will be reviewed again in November.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

Vice Chairman Feick made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 - - seconded by Supervisor Zimmerman and passed unanimously (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Judy, Secretary
Tulpehocken Township