

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting held Tuesday October 23, 2007

The Board of Supervisor conducted a special budget work session held on Tuesday October 23, 2007 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Mr. Hensel called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Mr. Doratt and Ms. Silvernail, Mr. Drozd Township CPA and members of the community.

Mr. Hensel stated that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2008 General Fund and Sanitary Sewer Budgets. Mr. Drozd began by stating that the sanitary sewer portion of the budget is not quite done. Mr. Drozd provided the Board with a draft budget document to follow.

The following items were discussed:

- Payroll, Mr. Drozd stated that he figured a 3% raise across the board for all employees as the Board discussed in the last budget work session. Mr. Drozd stated that he allowed a space for a part time manager to cost approximately \$50,000. Mr. Drozd stated that he based the hours the same as 2007 with the police department working a 24/7 schedule. Total payroll for 2008 is \$495,100.00. The Board discussed on how to cut costs in the 2008 budget and agreed to have the part time manager removed from the budget.
- Mr. Drozd asked what the Board intended on paying as far as family plan insurance? Mr. Drozd stated that the insurance policy reflects an increase if the Board decides to change the anniversary date from November 1st to January 1st each year, this increase is based on a percentage for changing the enrollment date. The Board agreed to pay the extra increase to change the anniversary date to January 1st to run with our fiscal year. Currently the Township pays for single medical coverage for the employee, Mr. Drozd asked if family coverage is an option. The Board discussed percentage options and concluded that the Township will pay 75% of the family medical plan and the balance will come out of the employee's payroll.
- The Board discussed proposed changes for the 2008 budget property taxes will remain the same, item 330 traffic fines and penalties; vehicle code violations will remain the same, a new item 340.16 was added for the 2008 budget titled rental of building, currently under item 360 charges for services, \$130,000.00 is outstanding for trash collection customers, Mr. Drozd stated that in 2006 400 residents were outstanding on making payments in 2007 600 residents are outstanding, the board stated all outstanding trash and sewer will be discussed at the next Board meeting.
- Total revenue for the proposed 2008 budget is \$2,099,550.00.

- The Board discussed the expense portion of the 2008 budget additional monies are allocated under item #402 financial administrations for auditing expenses due to the new auditing standards. Taxes remain consistent with 2006. A 5% increase was added for insurance for the new Township building. Item #410 Public Safety Mr. Drozd explained that the police department shows an increase of \$74,500 in the 2008 budget, this money reflects the 3% rate increase for each employee, \$52,500. In the capital for three mobile video cameras, new vehicle, and computer upgrade. Capital minor will cover radios, batteries, uniforms, software license for record management system supplies for community day.
- The Board agreed to donate \$6,000.00 to each fire company along with ½ of the Local Service Tax.
- The Board discussed the possibilities of revisiting the zoning ordinance which would be eligible for a County grant that would be reimbursed in 2009. The Board agreed to hold off a year to see if the economy picks up.
- The Board discussed the replacement of guide rails on the Greenbelt Drive Bridge and Old Mill Road Bridge. Possible road projects for 2008 are the paving of Leike Road, Compass Road and Old Mill Road. Mr. Doratt suggested that each year money be put aside for the Compass Road project, Mr. Drozd stated that it could possibly be done in phases. Ms. Silvernail added that she will seek grant money in 2008 to help with the road projects.
- The proposed 2008 general fund budget shows an \$849,500 deficit.
- The Board reviewed the analysis of the 2008 Sanitary Sewer Operation Budget. To operate the sanitary sewer system in 2008 the costs will be \$685,900.00. Mr. Drozd will meet with Mr. MacCombie.

Mr. Fred Wolfe representing Sadsburyville Fire Company was present to discuss the Sadsburyville 9 month financial report. Mr. Wolfe stated that the fire company is in trouble and are in need of more funding. He stated that Bingo is down 13%. Ms. Silvernail asked if area business have helped out. Mr. Wolfe stated “no”. Ms. Silvernail stated that something needs to be done, she is aware that Pomeroy is in the same boat financially. Mr. Doratt asked if the Township needs to have (2) fire companies? Ms. Silvernail replied that there is still a funding problem; the fire companies are using old equipment. The Board asked what are the pros and cons of both fire companies merging. The Board added that they will meet with both fire companies for a discussion, funding is tight and if it was possible to combine the resources and not maintain (2) buildings. The Board suggested that Mr. Wolfe take the information back to the fire company and if they want to have a meeting with the Board make a request.

The Board scheduled the next budget work session to be held on Tuesday November 13, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Myers
Secretary/Treasurer