

Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Wednesday December 31, 2008

The Board of Supervisors conducted a Special meeting held on Wednesday December 31, 2008 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Chairwomen Ms. Silvernail called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Ms. Horan and Mr. Hensel, Mr. Pompo Township Solicitor, Mr. MacCombie Township Engineer, Zoning Officer, Mr. Drozd Township CPA and members of the community.

A moment of silence and pledge of allegiance were observed.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to approve the December bills in the amount of \$43,041.29. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to approve the December payroll in the amount of \$32,429.99. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan to approve the December sanitary sewer invoices in the amount of \$70,705.78. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Drozd discussed with the Board the results of the General Fund 2009 budget to be:

- The ending cash balance is \$94,650.00.
- The Township received the State Grant for \$10,000.00 for the police vehicle mobile cameras; it is expected to be received in 2009.
- The PUC rate has decreased to 3.5%.
- The Verizon Tower lease renewal will occur in 2009, the budget reflects an increase in this agreement.
- The Township has \$756,800.00 in its reserve account.
- Township taxes remain the same for 2009.
- Increases in rates for contractor's registration and plumbers from \$75.00 to \$100.00.
- Increase for park rentals to be \$100.00 with a \$25.00 refund for leaving the area cleaned.
- Mr. Drozd stated the importance of collecting past due trash invoices. Mr. Hensel suggested if residents cannot afford to pay their invoices to drop the re-cycling program as that would decrease the invoice.

Mr. Drozd discussed with the Board the results of the Sanitary Sewer 2009 budget to be:

- In 2009 the sanitary sewer customers will receive a rate increase for usage to be from \$6.00 per thousand gallons to \$8.00 per thousand gallons and a flat rate to increase from \$60.00 to \$90.00 a year.
- Questioned if the Board was going to move forward with the bond issue to complete the final phase of the sewer?
- Mr. Drozd expressed concerns with residents not paying their invoices and the importance of collection.

Mr. Pompo stated that in previous meetings the Board discussed a shut off agreement for Pennsylvania American Water Company and the Board had concerns with some of the language of the agreement. After contacting Pennsylvania American Water Company they will not change the language of the agreement. Mr. Pompo stated that Caln Township uses a collection agency to collect past due invoices for Municipalities. The Board requested that Mr. Pompo gather more information. The Board agreed to move forward with the shut off agreement with Pennsylvania American Water Company and also look into hiring a collection agency. Mr. MacCombie stated to keep in mind that the water company will not shut water off to a rental property.

The Board discussed the amount of money needed for the bond issue to complete the final phase of the sanitary sewer system. Mr. MacCombie stated approximately \$550,000.00. Mr. MacCombie stated that the Board can apply for the loan and get an approval. If the Township has (3) years to complete the last phase and if they are not going to, a refund must be made to those who have already paid their fees. Mr. Hensel asked if the Township can increase the rate structure for the last phase? Mr. MacCombie said that certain areas cannot be increased they must be kept uniformed. Mr. Hensel said the residents that are hooked in and using the system are paying for those who should have been connected and still are not. The Board discussed approximately how many residents are not paid nor connected? Lisa Myers said that most have paid the tapping fees but have not connected but are being billed for usage, there are a handful of those who have not paid anything nor connected, currently Mr. Pompo's office is taking the next step of court to those who did not comply with the Township's ordinance.

Mr. Drozd reported that he is making (2) budget transfers for general government office administration and the public works sanitation department.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to adopt to the 2009 General Fund Budget as per Mr. Drozd recommendations. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hensel, to adopt the 2009 Sanitary Sewer Budget as per Mr. Drozd recommendations. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hensel, to approve the transfer of funds from the sanitary sewer account to reimburse the general fund account in the amount of \$22,358.67. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to approve the transfer of funds from the liquid fuels account to reimburse the general fund in the amount of \$55,596.75. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to close the books for 2008. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Tabled Business:

The Board discussed the 2009 SPCA contract renewal costs to be \$3,402.50. Ms. Silvernail stated that Lancaster County Human Society had been contacted and will not agree to come into Chester County. The Board stated it's a service that the Township needs, Ms. Horan wants the SPCA contacted to explain the increase.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Ms. Horan, to approve the SPCA contract renewal for the 2009 year to cost \$3,402.50. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

The Board agreed to accept the resignation of Matt Davis part time road crew employee. Mr. Turner stated that he