

Board of Supervisors Special Budget Work Session Meeting October 28, 2015

A budget meeting of the Board of Supervisors was conducted on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 commencing at 9:00 a.m. Chairwoman, Ms. Silvernail called the meeting to order. Present were Supervisors Mr. Greenfield and Mr. Taylor, Township Engineer/Zoning Officer Mr. MacCombie, and Township Accountant, Mr. Drozd.

Mr. Larry Maulo, of Maulo & Company, Ltd. came before the Board to present the Township Audit for the year 2014. The financial audit resulted in a clean opinion and there will be no management letter for this year. The full accrual basis statement shows that the unrestricted balance of the Township at December 31, 2014 was \$2,001,840. Upon signing and returning the Management Representation letter, the final audited Financial Statement will be issued to the Township.

Mr. Drozd discussed with the Board the 2016 Budget Detail which is basically a wish list. If everything in the wish list is accomplished, the tax rate will increase from 1.05 mills to 2.45 mills. Adjustments will be made as to what can stay for the 2016 budget, what can be eliminated, and what can be delayed until the next year's budget. The estimated payroll would give the office administration and the police department 3% increase in salary. The police department is budgeted for an additional full time officer. The Public Works Department is in contract negotiations at this time.

Ms. Silvernail stated she feels the insurance increase is too high and she will speak to Bob Ward and the Township may have to shop around for a better rate. The administration office computer, server, and surge protectors can be put on hold until next year. The Zoning Ordinance revision can skip a year and the SALDO Parks & Recreation should be finished in 2016. The trash contract expires in September 2016 and 10% was added to the budget for an increase in trash collection if necessary. The 2009 truck is on its last leg, and Mr. Bowers of the Public Works Department stated a replacement would cost \$86,200.00. According to Mr. Drozd, a loan could be taken out of the Capital Fund to the General Fund for the purchase. Mr. Bowers stated the truck would take about a year for delivery to be paid for in 2016 or 2017. The Basketball Court renovations for the park could be taken from the CVS, Vietri, and Ethernore Open Space contributions. The fencing for the park would not be included. Ms. Silvernail stated Mr. Dilabbio has ordered the equipment for park in honor of his son, and is just waiting for it to arrive. When it arrives, it will be installed at the park. The security cameras for the park should be kept in the budget. The Fire Companies would allocate \$20,300 for Fire Relief Distribution and Keystone Valley at 40% coverage \$73,200.

Dave Reynolds from Sadsburyville Fire Company addressed the Board on a proposal to cover the entire Township at 100% for \$55,000. Keystone Valley could handle the EMS for the Township. It was stated in the minutes of the budget meeting on September 22, 2015 that Sadsburyville Fire Company receives money from West Caln Township. Mr. Reynolds wanted to set the record straight, West Caln Township gave them \$5,000 from the Relief Fund and this money is not guaranteed. Mr. Reynolds stated it was also

in the minutes of the September budget meeting that Sergeant Imhoff said there were several complaints of speeding by fire personnel through the Township. Mr. Reynolds will not tolerate speeding through the Township and wants them to be cited. Sergeant Imhoff stated the complaints concerned people from Westwood Fire Company. Mr. Reynolds stated that Sadsburyville Fire Company personnel do not operate unsafely. Mr. Reynolds also stated that in the September budget minutes, Ms. Silvernail stated that Sadsburyville Fire Company was not attending Board of Supervisors Meetings with their reports. Ms. Silvernail responded that there is a concern for them not attending meetings, assumptions are made. If you can't attend, a quick e-mail of your report would be appreciated. Mr. Reynolds responded that someone will attend the meetings regularly. Mr. Reynolds also feels the minutes should be retracted regarding the comments made by Chief Ranck about the fire at Weaver's Mulch. Mr. Reynolds stated the fire was in East Fallowfield Township and most barn fires burn down. Mr. Taylor stated the operation should not have been run the way it was. Mr. Reynolds stated that the accusations and statements made in error should be corrected in the minutes as there was not any speeding or citations, Weaver Mulch fire was in East Fallowfield Township. In the minutes Mr. Taylor made the comment that Sadsbury Township could cut funding with a stroke of a pen. Mr. Reynolds stated that Sadsburyville Fire Company serves Sadsbury Township and the money stays in this Township.

Jared Dalmas from Keystone Valley Fire Department stated the amount of funding for Keystone is determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Economic Development as to the property tax value.

Ms. Silvernail directed Mr. Drozd to leave the fire company distribution the way it is now, with no changes.

Mr. Taylor stated the John Deere tractor needs a starter at a cost of \$1,173.51.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to have a new starter installed in the John Deere tractor by Atlantic Tractor at a cost of \$1,173.50. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

The Township received the SPCA contract for 2016, which is a multi-year contract. If paid before 1/1/16 the contract fee is \$1,500.00. The fee goes up after 1/1/16. Sadsbury Township has no animal control officer.

Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to enter into an agreement with the Chester County SPCA for the multi-year contract to begin January 1, 2016 at a fee of \$1,500.00 per year. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

The next budget meeting will be held on Tuesday November 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Public Comment

Al Haldeman asked on the wish list budget, that a tax increase of 2.45 mills, what does that equate to in terms of an increase for the average family. Mr. Drozd stated it would be around \$174.00 increase.

Mr. MacCombie stated that Dave Porter from his office would like to be placed on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for the meeting in November to discuss the Act 537 Plan.

With there being no further business, Ms. Silvernail made a motion, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, to adjourn the meeting. With there being no questions from the public, the Board voting, "aye", the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Shank
Secretary