

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2014 AT 6:30 PM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call: Keith Wesley  
Ed Shannon  
Patrick Irving  
Kim Koutsouradis  
Joseph McFadden

Staff John McMenamin, Township Manager  
Joseph Galdo, Finance Director  
Joe Condo, Public Works Director  
Carol Drioli, Zoning Officer

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Budget meeting call to order at 6:30 pm

Public Works Budget:

General Fund - 01

It was questioned and noted that in 2012 & 2013 there was no money allocated for Summer Help due to the fact that at that time it was under the Parks & Recreation Budget. The Budget now shows Summer Help in the Public Works Budget and at this point in time Mr. Condo has allocated \$50,000 in this line item - this does not show a raise in compensation at this time.

Mr. Condo noted that he has added a new line item for tree removal and that is \$15,000.00 and this is for the cutting of trees around the Township Building and other Township owned properties.

Mr. Condo talked about Public Works Expenses which is set at \$7,750 for the year 2015 and this is for the Public Works Crew to go to school, for safety procedures, traffic control, etc.

There was a question about the FICA taxes - Mr. Galdo said he put in a slight increase because at this time no raises have been put in the budget - that figure will change once salary increases are established.

It was also noted that Health Insurance will increase in 2015 - not sure what the increase will be should know shortly.

Mr. Galdo and Mr. Condo explained to the Board that the Public Works Budget is divided between various funds - such as the General Fund - 01, State Liquid Fuel Fund - 35, Sewer Fund - 08, Sanitation Fund - 09 etc. There was a lengthy discussion regarding how and why the budget was done this way.

Mr. Shannon asked if the RDA does not come through with money for either the large dump truck or the front end loader is there money in the budget for this. There is money in the Sewer Fund - 08 - line item #429.740 Capital Expenses -Machinery/Vehicles - \$186,000.00.

Liquid Fuel Fund - 35

It was noted that there will be money coming out of this fund for the Buck Road project. Mr. McMenamin said we received notice today that we are getting approximately \$444,000 from Liquid Fuels for next year. Mr. McMenamin said hopefully we will receive the money from the RDA for paving/road improvements, which would help us greatly and if we can get through

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this winter without having major snow storms maybe the Township can start saving some money in the reserve.

### Sewer Fund - 08

We have in the sewer fund for 2015 a reserve of \$6,659,436.00.

Mr. Condo noted that emergency sewer repairs can cost anywhere from \$8,000 to \$9,000 dollars, he works with Seifert who does a great job for us.

Payroll line item 406.130 - this pays for the Sewer Clerks salary along with some of the Public Works salaries.

### Sanitation Fund - 09

Went over this fund, will continue in year 2015 the Senior Rebate of \$50.00 - this was a great success last year - senior residents did appreciate this.

There is also a line item 430.740 Capital Expenses (Machinery/vehicles) in the amount of \$150,000.00 for a street sweeper if old one needs to be replaced.

### Debt Service Fund - 23

Year 2014 will be the highest year for the Bond payment and interest owed. The Township has a deficit in this fund so we will be re-allocating the millage for 2015 from 6.70 to 6.78.

It was noted that we are behind in delinquent taxes - approximately \$122,000.00 - County handles collecting delinquent taxes, we will be looking to see if County is aggressive in collecting these taxes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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Ed Shannon, Secretary