

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 AT 6:30 PM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call:	Keith Wesley Ed Shannon Joseph McFadden Patrick Irving
Absent:	Kim Koutsouradis
Staff	John McMenamin, Township Manager Joseph Galdo, Finance Director Sally Pollock, Librarian Linda Pupkiewicz Matt Gilbert, Park & Recreation Director Janet Hude, Township Secretary

Budget meeting call to order at 6:30 pm

Library Budget:

Ms. Pollock stated that she will be retiring as of December 31, 2014 so this will be her last budget work shop. Dennis Stranz will be the new Librarian.

Ms. Pollock noted that this budget is lean and mean; we have cut the budget by \$10,000.00 this year. Ms. Pollock said we cut the utilities from \$42,000.00 in 2014 to \$33,500 for the year 2015. The telephone cost we increased from last year from \$1,900.00 to \$2,400.00 for the year 2015 due to the fact that last year we received an E-rate which we will not receive in 2015. Our Janitorial Services have gone up this from \$14,000.00 last year to \$16,000.00 for the year 2015 due to the fact we have not been satisfied with the service we are getting right now so we are looking for service contractor. Ms. Pollock said our Commercial Insurance has decreased this year from \$27,322.00 to \$23,500.00 for the year 2015 and the Township pays for this.

Ms. Pollock said the transfer from the General Fund this year will be \$611,357.00 and this amount does not include the \$41,116.00 in the Capital Reserve Fund. Ms. Pollock noted that she did not want this shown in the budget - this way it won't get spent. Their reserve for the Library Fund is \$113,991.00. There was a discussion on the reserve fund. The other thing that was noted was total expenditures for last year was \$715,217.00 and for 2015 it will be \$704,403.00.

Ms. Pollock noted that fines on books being returned late are down due to the fact that we now e-mail people when their books are due back and also people can now renew their books online.

Ms. Pollock also noted that the "Friends of the Library" have been a great help to us, through their fundraisers they have given the Library a lot things that are needed that we can't afford to get through our budget, we are very grateful to them.

Ms. Pollock wanted to remind everybody that this was the Library's 10th year in the new building and they will be celebrating this with a Wine & Beer event on October 10th, please come out and support us.

Park & Recreation Budget:

Mr. Gilbert noted that the millage for 2015 is going from 0.5 to 0.42. Mr. Gilbert said Sparkling Pools price has gone up some from \$16,800 to \$18,000 again this depends on what type of weather we have this winter - hopefully not like last year - we had to open our camps later due to fact that schools got out later this past June and started earlier this year in August and if this happens again this year this price could change.

Mr. Gilbert talked about the programs for this coming year like Zumba, programs for Saturday, the holiday programs, etc.

Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Galdo put in the budget a "fee-in-lieu of" of \$5,000.00; Mr. Shannon felt this should not be in there wants the programs to make money on their merit. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Gilbert said the payroll for Youth Camp for 2015 will \$175,000.00 and he is requesting a twenty-five cent raise for 2015 for returning councilors.

Mr. Shannon explained to other Board members how he feels the Park & Recreation and Dolphin Swim Club should be calculated - so that the Township can get a better handle on each line item with regard to what is spent and what is received.

The Dolphin Swim Club Budget will be heard at the next Budget Workshop October 8, 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Ed Shannon, Secretary