

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013 AT 6:30 PM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call:	Keith Wesley Ed Shannon Joseph McFadden Patrick Irving
Staff	John McMenamin, Township Manager Joseph Galdo, Finance Director William Wiegman, Chief of Police Janet Hude, Township Secretary

Budget meeting call to order at 6:30 pm

There was a discussion on allocations of different funds and how the millage would be allocated this year and are they going to fulfill all the Township needs.

Police Department

Chief Wiegman stated that a lot of his budget he has kept to minimum increases, some of the line items such as salary, benefits, taxes, etc he has not control over. Chief Wiegman said as far as vehicles he has submitted for the RDA Grant six vehicles, he is hoping to get a least three vehicles. Chief Wiegman said right now his department is behind in recycling the department's vehicles - he usually gets three cars every year, last year he did not purchase any - so again we are now behind and the miles are getting up there on the old vehicles.

Chief Wiegman said he has been asking for a Secure Lock System for the Police Department for the last four years and the State has mandated that all Police Departments have these secured locks for their departments. Chief Wiegman said the cells in the Police Department need to be worked on - in bad shape. The other thing that is needed is new access locks to the two doors downstairs. Discussion ensued.

Chief Wiegman said is also looking to replace several computers in the Police Department.

Street Lighting - Fund 2

Mr. McMenamin said the Township is looking to get a better price on our electric. Mr. McMenamin said the Township has noticed a change in our street lighting PECO bills since we have installed the LED lights.

Sanitation - Fund 9

Mr. McMenamin noted that we are looking at reducing the Sanitation fee for residents by \$20.00 (from \$340.00 to \$320.00) and to continue in 2014 the \$50.00 rebate for the Township's senior citizens and Veterans that are 50% disabled.

Mr. McMenamin discussed with the Board the SWBSWC bids that they are waiting for from Wheelabrator and Mascaro on recycling, the bids are due in next week. Mr.

McMenamin said SWBSWC will be meeting on October 30th to vote on this - hoping the prices come in lower than the last contract or at least stay the same.

Chief Wiegman noted to the Board that the Crossing Guards have not had a raise for the past two years. Chief also noted that the School District pays half of their salaries and that there are twelve Crossing Guards. After a discussion it was stated that the Crossing Guards should receive a fifty cent raise - currently they make \$11.51 an hour.

New Health Insurance - Mr. McMenamin explained how the new insurance would work for the Police Department and Non-Union Adm Personnel. Mr. McMenamin said with this plan there will be times when money will be returned to the Police Department and Non-Union Adm Personnel - he is asking at this time if he and Joe Galdo could sign these checks - consensus being yes they could.

Mr. McMenamin said that they need a replacement for Julia Newman on the Lower Southampton Industrial Redevelopment Authority. Mr. Wesley said he would like to be that person. Mr. McMenamin said there will be a meeting shortly for Anne's Choice.

MMO- Mr. McMenamin said the Township can no longer take the exemption on this and our payment this year is approximately \$900,000.00.

There were people from the Neshaminy Activity Center at the work session to ask the Board for their annual \$6,000.00 donation to them. Joe and John to research this to make sure there would be money in the budget for this.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Ed Shannon, Secretary