

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2011 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call: John McMenamin
 Keith Wesley
 Ed Shannon
 Joseph McFadden
 Julia Newman

Staff: Ted Taylor, Township Manager
 Frank Celona, Finance Director
 William Oettinger, Fire Marshal
 Rose Wallace, Public Works Secretary
 Janet Hude, Township Secretary

Budget meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Fire Marshal Budget:

Mr. Oettinger went over the new Ordinances he is proposing to bring in more money for his inspections they are as follows:

- ✓ Requiring all Commercial & Non-Residential Uses & Properties to obtain an Annual Commercial Accountability Registration form & establishing fees
- ✓ Establishing an Annual Fire Safety Inspection Program & establishing fees

Mr. Oettinger went on to explain how much money his Department has made in the year 2011 and that is why he is requesting that his two inspectors be put on full time. Mr. Oettinger noted that at this point in the year 2011 his Department has brought in enough money to pay both inspectors a full time salary – this money also includes his part-time Secretary. Mr. Oettinger said to keep all the work that has increased since he became the Fire Marshal he really does need his two inspectors to be full time. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Celano and Mr. Oettinger went over the proposed budget for the Fire Marshal's Department for the year 2012. Mr. Celano said the Fire Marshal has reduced his budget for 2012 by 7 1/2 %.

Mr. Celano and Mr. Taylor said they would like to reduce the millage for the two fire companies by a quarter of a mil along with the rescue squad. There was a lengthy discussion on this and a couple of the Board members didn't agree with this because of the fire companies being all volunteer help, with the exception of the rescue squad their members are paid, and for safety reasons. Mr. Oettinger also felt that this was a bad idea to reduce the millage for fire companies.

Public Works Budget:

Mr. Celano and Mr. Taylor went over the Public Works Budget which consists of six different funds.

Mr. Celano noted that the General Fund 2012 Budget with regard to Public Works will be approximately \$56,637 higher in 2012 due to the fact we are proposing to move the three fellows that now work for Marian Gilbert in the Park and Recreation Department and place them in the Public Works Department's budget.

The Board then discussed with the Mr. Celano and Mr. Taylor the following funds:

- ✓ State Liquid Fuels Fund 8

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- ✓ Road Machinery Fund 12 - there will be no millage in 2012 - will be carrying forward \$78,557 and Public Works would like to purchase a new dump truck.
- ✓ Street Lighting Fund 2 - suggesting to reduce Fund .9 mills instead of 1.08 mills
- ✓ Sewer Fund Fund 8 - discussion on what the increase would be for next year for Township customers with regard to their sewer bills.
- ✓ Sewer Capital Reserve Fund 31

Mr. Celano also mentioned that by changing carriers for the electric the Township will save approximately \$35,000.

Mr. Celano gave the Board a 2012 Budget - General Fund which read as follows:

2012 Budget - General Fund

Projected Revenue	\$ 7,733,126
Projected Expenses	<u>\$ 9,036,376</u>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	(<u>\$ 1,303,250</u>)
Projected Deficit	(\$ 1,303,250)
Budget Savings:	
Reduced Pension MMO	\$ 170,000
Other Savings-Police Dept.	\$ 72,000
Other Savings-Zoning Dept.	\$ 63,000
Millage shift from Street Light Fund	\$ 35,000
Utility Cost Savings	<u>\$ 35,000</u>
Adjusted Deficit	(\$ 928,000)

Analysis of Fund Balance

	General Fund	Operating Reserve
Fund Balance at 01/01/2011	\$2,697,368	\$351,302
Projected Revenues - 2011	\$8,479,620	\$ 1,500
Projected Expenditures - 2011	(\$8,815,988)	
Operating Transfer	<u>(\$2,361,000)</u>	<u>\$2,361,000</u>
Projected Fund Balance 12/31/2011	<u>0</u>	<u>\$2,713,802</u>

Ms. Drioli discussed with the Board the water problems on Larchwood from residents pumping water into the street. Ms. Drioli said there isn't anything in the Ordinance to prevent the residents to do this - trying to use the Seconded Class Township Code. Discussion ensued how maybe the Township could help these residents to get the water down to the storm drain at the end of the street without flooding the street.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Ed Shannon, Secretary