

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call:	John McMenamin Julia Newman Keith Wesley
Absent	Mark E. Hopkins Ed Shannon
Staff:	Ted Taylor, Township Manager Frank Celona, Finance Director Sally Pollock, Librarian Linda Pupkiewicz, Assistant to Librarian Charlie Bosco, Public Works Director Janet A. Hude, Township Secretary
Public:	Hank Carroll, Sean Borneman, Joe Gnias, Karen McFadden, Steve Pirritano

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Budget Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. McMenamin announced that Mr. Wesley would be a little late and Mr. Hopkins was in up state New Jersey not sure if he would make it.

Library's Budget:

Mr. Celona stated the following about the Library's budget for 2011:

- ✓ The proposed budget for 2011 shows an increase in expenditures of 2.3% over the 2010 budget.
- ✓ There have been significant decreases in state revenues over the past few years.
- ✓ Tax millage is no longer allocated to the Library. The Library is now funded by a transfer from the General Fund. In 2009, the tax millage allocated to the Library was \$509,293. In 2010, the transfer from the General Fund was \$298,775, and the remaining amount was funded by the Library's fund balance. For 2011, the proposed transfer from the General Fund is \$576,054, an amount necessary to fund the proposed expenditures.
- ✓ Under this proposed budget, there will be no reduction in programs, services or hours of operation.

Ms. Pollock presented to the Board a Comparison Chart-Annual Report starting with the year 2003 through year 2009 on Collection, Circulation, Inter Library Loan, Service Measures, Registration, Public Service Hours and Staff. In all instances the Library has increased its services to the community. Ms. Pollock noted that their Children's Programmer Bonnie Reeves has done a fantastic job with the children's programs. This summer she had approximately 2,559 children attend her programs.

There was a discussion on the State's cuts for all Libraries which this year was 11%.

Ms. Pollock said the only Capital Project for the year 2010 is possibly a new roof.

Mr. Borneman, representing the Friends of the Library, noted that they are expecting an increase in utilities of approximately 10%. Mr. Borneman also noted the Friends of the Library are also running various fundraisers to help the Library -one is Food for Thought - he explained how this would work.

Public Works Budget:

Mr. Celona stated the following about the Public Works budget for 2011:

- ✓ The proposed 2011 budget total expenditures are 3.8% more than the total budgeted expenditures for 2010.
- ✓ In the proposed General Fund, 76% of the expenditures are salaries and employee benefits. 7% of the expenditures are the allocations for Casualty & Workers' Compensation Insurances. 12% of the budget is for stormwater and drain work.
- ✓ In the Highway Aid Fund, expenditures for paving are increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000.
- ✓ The proposed expenses in the Road Machinery Fund are \$80,000, a decrease of \$67,000 from the prior year. At this level of expenditures, no tax millage will be required for this fund. The expenditures can be made entirely from the fund balance. The tax millage which was allocated to this fund in 2010 (0.7 mills) will be re-allocated to the General Fund to support Public Works and other expenditures in the General Fund.

There was a discussion on hiring several part-timers to finish out the year with money that is left from losing a full time person. Mr. Bosco would like to hire two part-timers for the year 2011.

Public Works is now taking care of all Township buildings except the Dolphin Swim Club which comes under the Park & Recreation Department.

Budget meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Ed Shannon, Secretary

THESE BUDGET MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AT THEIR MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2010.