

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016 AT 6:30 PM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call: Keith Wesley
Ed Shannon
Joseph McFadden
Kim Koutsouradis

Absent: Patrick Irving

Staff John McMenamin, Township Manager
Joseph Galdo, Finance Director
Dennis Stranz, Librarian
Linda Pupkiewicz, Assistant Director
Robert Hoopes, Public Safety Director
Matt Gilbert, Park & Recreation Director
William Oettinger, Fire Marshal
Christina Lynn, Township Administrative Assistant

Budget meeting call to order at 6:30 pm

Library Budget:

Mr. McMenamin said there are two changes being made to the Library's funds. The Miscellaneous Revenue Fund will be increased next year to \$585,000 because expenses are going up and the reserve is going down. Also, \$10,000 was added to the Capital Budget. This fund needs to be built up due to the fact that with the age of the building, repairs are going to be needed. One of the air conditioning units is being moved from the attic to the roof. John Genovesi is looking into it.

Dennis Stranz discussed the goals the Library has set:

- Get the community to talk about the Library – created a new logo, updating graphics, Facebook, website, new magazines, chair yoga, museum passes
- Reintroduce the Library to the Community – nationwide effort
- Community Platform – have the library as a source of information
- Strengthening Staff – hired a graphic artist, adding a full-time Children's Librarian

Mr. Stranz stated that in order to add the full-time Children's Librarian to the budget, they sacrificed a programmer and part-time clerk. Mr. Stranz said that they are also looking at some grants next year to convert their indoor lighting to LED.

Ms. Pupkiewicz said that the payroll expense is going up a little to accommodate 2% increases. Mr. McFadden asked Ms. Pupkiewicz why Pension and Hospitalization are increasing so much. Ms. Pupkiewicz answered that any employee working 1,000 or more hours will be eligible for a pension. The Library Board wants all 21 hour employees to get a pension. Mr. Shannon asked why the pension was taken away from those employees. Ms. Pupkiewicz answered the whole township lost it about 28 years ago.

Rescue Squad:

Mr. McMenamain said this is a fund funded by the taxpayers. The millage is .43%. There is a small reserve if there is a bad year. Mr. McMenamain said there is not much change to next year's budget.

Hydrant Fund:

Mr. McMenamain said there is a surplus in this fund. The cost has been steady so there is no need to add millage. Mr. McMenamain said we pay Bucks County Water and Sewer a maintenance fee from this fund.

Street Lighting Fund:

Mr. McMenamain said the millage for this fund is .83%. Mr. McMenamain said that since the township went to the LED lights, no one working for the township can fix them. We call Armor for each repair. Mr. McMenamain said we are looking into having Wayne get trained.

Mr. McMenamain stated that for 2017 we will place \$25,000 from the General Fund into the Street Lighting Fund just in case it is needed. Costs have gone up for repairs. Mr. McFadden asked Mr. McMenamain if we are no longer seeing a savings with the LED lights. Mr. McMenamain answered that we did see a savings for a few years but the cost has gone up. Most of the light repairs are under warranty still so we are paying for labor costs as opposed to parts for now.

Sanitation Fund – 9:

Mr. McMenamain said we are negotiating our new contract next year for 2018. The price for yard waste changed. We are doing well with grants. Miscellaneous expenses went up mostly due to the truck rental for Clean Up Day and the repair of the street sweeper. Mr. McMenamain recommended that we keep in the Sanitation rebate for the Senior Citizens and Disabled Veterans.

Ed Shannon, Secretary