

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 AT 6:30 PM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call: Keith Wesley  
Joseph McFadden  
Edward Shannon  
Kim Koutsouradis  
Ray Weldie

Staff: Joseph Galdo, Acting Township Manager/Finance Director  
Dennis Stranz, Librarian  
Karissa Murray, Library Administrative Assistant  
Ted Krimmel, Chief of Police  
Matt Gilbert, Park & Recreation Director  
Bill Oettinger, Zoning Officer/Fire Marshal  
Christina Lynn, Township Administrative Assistant

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Budget meeting call to order at 6:30 pm

Library Fund - 4:

Dennis Stranz introduced Karissa Murray and the Library Board members in attendance.

Mr. Stranz explained that the Library revenues are down this year due to fees. The fees are set by the Library system. The Library is looking into accepting debit cards. The Library is also looking into advertising rentals of their facility more. The large room has a new sound system and projector. The price point for renting is 1-20 people is \$75, 21 or more people is \$100 for a three-hour rental. An additional \$25 is charged if also renting the equipment.

Mr. Stranz explained that payroll for the Library has gone down. The Library was able to give a 3% increase to all qualified employees. One employee became full-time this year so she received a larger increase. Mr. McFadden asked why the drastic change in hospitalization. Mr. Galdo explained this was because of the retirees. There are now only four full-time employees on the insurance.

Mr. Stranz said he is trying to keep expenses low but maintenance has been tricky. Mr. Galdo said they are budgeting more for utilities just in case.

Mr. Stranz explained that the Books, Materials, State Aid line item has increased for next year because they will be responsible for paying a \$15,000 processing fee that the county used to pay. This will be an annual expense going forward.

Library Capital Reserve – 25

Mr. Galdo said he placed \$20,000 in Capital Purchases as a placeholder in case of an emergency issue. Mr. Galdo explained that the \$10, 890 expense this year was to replace part of the HVAC system. The HVAC has had many problems over the years but seems to be working much better now. Mr. Galdo said he will keep adding \$10,000 each year to this account for emergency purposes only.

Street Lighting Fund - 2:

Mr. Galdo said the millage will remain at .8 in 2019. Mr. Galdo added \$20,000 as a placeholder in this fund just in case. Mr. Galdo lowered the budget for repair calls in 2019 to \$27,750. We should end the year with excess revenue that can be added to next year's budget.

Fire Protection Fund - 3:

Mr. Galdo said the millage will remain 1.25. Mr. Galdo the Fire Insurance Tax came in less than the prior year. This money comes from the state. Under expenditures, each fire company will receive \$135,000 in 2019. Also, Mr. Galdo explained that the new recruitment initiative was added to the budget – each fire company is budgeted for \$13,000. Mr. Galdo suggested that we make a three-year agreement with the companies for this recruiting program. If the program is a success, then the Township can bump up that amount after three years.

Discussion ensued about the statewide issue of finding volunteer fire fighters and the many ideas fire companies are trying.

Hydrant Fund - 6:

Mr. Galdo said there is no money going in to this fund and the rate has been steady. The Township is still paying Aqua \$909 per year for hydrant maintenance.

Rescue Squad – 7:

Mr. Galdo said the millage stays at .43 for this fund. Mr. Galdo explained there is a slight bump budgeted in 2019. No possible RDA grants were considered while making the budget.

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Ed Shannon, Secretary

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED THESE MINUTES AT THEIR MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 10, 2018.