

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE LOWER SOUTHAMPTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 AT 6:30 PM IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1500 DESIRE AVENUE, FEASTERVILLE, PA 19053

Roll Call: Ray Weldie
Edward Shannon
Kim Koutsouradis
Keith Wesley
Deborah Kaplan

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

Budget meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Sewer Fund - 8

Mr. Galdo stated that there are no rate changes projected for 2020. Revenue will hold steady in 2020. Mr. Galdo said that the Township needs to keep an eye on Philadelphia Water - he has projected an increase but it could be higher. The Township has no control over the charges from Philadelphia Water Department. Mr. Wesley asked if we are continuing to monitor our own water. Mr. Galdo responded yes. Ms. Kaplan asked about the increase in costs for office supplies and do we have a specific vendor. Mr. Galdo explained that the projection for 2020 is based on historical data. The Township purchases office supplies through Staples or Newtown Office Supply. Mr. Galdo discussed the new housing development off County Line Road being built by Toner Homes – the Township would most likely have to adjust the rate in that zone for the new residents since Lower Moreland charges us a higher rate than ours.. Mr. Weldie asked Mr. Galdo if sewer rates for the residents will stay the same in 2020. Mr. Galdo responded yes.

Sewer Capital Reserve - 31

Mr. Galdo stated that he estimates that this fund will end 2019 with \$1.3 million. Mr. Galdo explained that there are not many expenses with this fund. Mr. Galdo has put placeholders for major purchases. It is projected that this fund will end 2020 with \$1.1 million – this includes major construction projects, if needed. Mr. Weldie asked Mr. Galdo to explain the difference between the Sewer Capital Reserve Fund and the Sewer Fund. Mr. Galdo explained that Sewer Capital Reserve are for capital items such as a new pumping station. Sewer Fund is the operations enterprise fund.

Debt Service Fund - 23

Mr. Galdo recommended that the Supervisors reduce the millage from 6.85 mills to 6.60 mills in this fund and transfer to the General Fund. Mr. Galdo explained that this fund is more robust and he has built up enough reserves to ease the pressure off of this fund. Mr. Galdo went over bond payments and explained that they drop each year. Mr. Galdo budgeted \$1,500 for agent fees which is a normal fee to pay for them to monitor our various bonds. Payments made from this fund are set in stone based on bond obligation.

General Obligation Fund - 20

Mr. Galdo stated that this fund is for improvements to Township facilities that may be needed. Expenditures are budgeted in case something major pops up. Discussion ensued regarding some possible

improvements to be made including Dolphin Swim Club improvements, Playwicki Farm improvements, drainage projects, and public safety. Ms. Kaplan stated that she would like to see a gate installed at Playwicki Farm to keep vehicles out of the parking lot after hours. Mr. Galdo stated that is something he and the Chief have discussed. If we are awarded RDA grant for surveillance cameras, the bars at the entrance will be discussed. Mr. Galdo explained that not all the expenditures he has listed in this budget will appear in 2020. Discussion ensued about the drainage issues – John Genovesi is reviewing it and will be putting it out to bid.

Ioakim Koutsouradis, Secretary

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED THESE MINUTES AT THEIR MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2019.