

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Budget Workshop 1- October 17, 2020

The Pequea Township Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM at the New Danville Fire Co.

Present at the meeting were:

Harry Lehman, Chairman

Anthony Cazillo, Vice-Chairman

Scott Edwards, Supervisor

Eric Lucas, Supervisor

E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor

Rob Reidenbach, Asst. Twp. Recording Sec.

Dawn Rineer, Twp. Treasurer

Tom Haas

Jeff Kreider

Jackie Johns

Roger Schneider

CALL TO ORDER: Chmn. Lehman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Pledge of Allegiance

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Lehman announced the Board of Supervisors will hold Budget Workshop #2 on Saturday, October 31, 2020 and Budget Workshop #3 on November 7, 2020 at the New Danville Fire Company at 9:00 AM. He stated that these workshops have been properly advertised in the Lancaster newspapers.

Lehman closed by saying thank you to the many who put in the time and effort to prepare this, in his opinion, responsible and solid budget: Treasurer Dawn Rineer, Scott Edwards, Jeff Frey, Mark Deimler, John Michener and Lancaster County tax agencies among others.

WORKSHOP 1 AGENDA

COMPLETION OF CHIEF MICHENER'S POLICE BUDGET

Vice-Chairman Cazillo stated he was pleased to see police body cameras were included in the budget.

Public Input: none

Following discussion, all supervisors were in agreement with all line items.

COMPLETION OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET

The Board made three corrections to the proposed budget. Line item 301.100 (Real Estate Taxes- Current) was changed to \$684,292.32. Line item 310.200 (Earned Income Tax) was changed to \$666,669.27. Line item 429.610 (Highway Construction and Rebuilding) was changed to \$60,000.00.

Lehman explained the budget line item changes relating to an alternate method of accounting for engineering income and expenses.

Chairman Lehman explained the need for adding \$40,000.00- Line item 404.315 to legal fees for litigation to pursue a legal settlement with Conestoga Township over money owed Pequea Township in the settlement /dissolution of the Southern Regional Police Department's Police Commission. All supervisors voiced support to add this line item and expense.

Public Input:

Jackie Johns asked if anything could be done to improve the sign at the township building. Chairman Lehman explained that Supervisors Cazillo and Lucas were currently doing that at their expense. She also said she would like to see the township donate to the library fund.

Tom Haas questioned why the liquid fuels funds received from PA were increasingly lower.

COMPLETION OF PARK & RECREATION BUDGET

Supervisor Edwards explained the line items' costs and rationale. Discussion focused on the purchase of the new mower, barn and corn crib repair and painting, and the purchase of a used truck for park only use.

Public Input:

Jackie Johns asked if park trees were being mulched.

Jeff Kreider asked about Boy Scouts possibly repairing the footbridge at the park.

Roger Schneider inquired about the part of the trail that was washed out.

COMPLETION OF STATE HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET

Supervisor Edwards explained the line items. He explained the 2021 work to be done on Herrville Road, Linestown Road, Brooks Avenue, Pleasant View Drive, Penn Grant Road, Casey Drive and repairs to the wing walls on the Silver Mine Road bridge.

Public Input:

Jackie Johns asked if PennDot would help the township with repairs to Herrville Road. Supervisor Hlavacek related that he had met with PennDot, Senator Martin, and Representative Cutler and no help was offered. Johns then inquired as to the status of the Desmond property at Shultz and Millwood Roads. Chairman Lehman then updated all on the current status of the Desmond property.

Jeff Kreider asked about needed repairs to the shoulder of Shultz Road.

Tom Haas expressed his pleasure with the Board's controlling the legal expenses in 2020 and stated his hope that Conestoga Township would be required to pay our share of the legal costs in the Police Commission settlement. Haas then complimented the Board on the professional way in which this Budget was prepared and presented in contrast with 2019's Budget Workshop which was "beyond description". He expressed confidence in the budget information presented and felt that our treasurer Dawn Rineer knows what she is doing.

CONCLUSION

Chairman Lehman then invited the Board to make any final comments related to the budget. The Board

was appreciative of the quality budget work done by Township Treasurer Dawn Rineer. Chairman Lehman asked if the Board was ready to proceed with the General Fund, Recreation Fund and the State Highway Fund budgets. All supervisors were in agreement. Lehman then moved to adopt the draft budget as proposed. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman noted that Budget Workshops #2&3 would not be needed. He then moved to hold the adoption hearing on December 16, 2020 at 6:30 PM. Vice-Chairman Cazillo seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed. Lehman announced the Budget will be available to the public for 20 days prior to the Budget Hearing at the Township building and also will be advertised in a legal newspaper and on the Township website 20 days in advance of the Budget Hearing.

Workshop adjourned at 10:27 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Reidenbach
Asst. Twp. Recording Sec.