

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Budget Workshop 1- October 23, 2021

The Pequea Township Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 AM at the Pequea Township Municipal Building.

Present at the meeting were:

Harry Lehman, Chairman

Scott Edwards, Vice-Chairman

Tom Haas, Supervisor

Eric Lucas, Supervisor

E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor

Rob Reidenbach, Asst. Twp. Recording Sec.

Dawn Rineer, Twp. Treasurer

Jackie Johns

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 Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Pequea Township Municipal Building IF NECESSARY. He stated that these workshops have been properly advertised in the Lancaster Newspapers.

WORKSHOP 1 AGENDA

COMPLETION OF CHIEF MICHENER'S POLICE BUDGET

Public Input:

- Jackie Johns asked if money was available to add another full-time officer. Chairman Lehman explained that our current and future plan is to add part time officers as the need exists, a more affordable option than the prohibitive cost of a full-time officer.

Board discussion centered on snowfall/ice monitoring by plow operators and the police chief, strategy on hiring and use of part time police officers, motorist endangerment of road crew and school buses, taser use improvement, and the condition of and use of the police cars. Chief Michener thanked Dawn Rineer for her expertise and help in preparing his part of the budget. All supervisors agreed they were comfortable with the Police Budget as it is proposed.

COMPLETION OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Public Input:

Jackie Johns noted that this year's real estate transfer tax yields were an anomaly due to the inflated cost of homes and the abnormal number of high-priced estate/ property sales in the township.

Board discussion centered on a tax decrease or increase for 2022 due to the uncertainty of the national economy/inflation expected in 2022, making a donation to the County Public Library, road improvements to Nettie Lane/Shultz Rd./Lehman Rd., an increase to the amount allocated for ambulance service, and the need for timely road repairs and maintenance to avoid higher future costs. Main adjustments were to add \$1000.00 more to the ambulance service and GL# 392.950 (Transfer from operating reserve fund) was changed to \$50,838.42 making the total income \$2,288,153. All supervisors agreed to the changes and amounts in the General Fund budget.

COMPLETION OF PARK & RECREATION BUDGET

Public Input:

Jackie Johns started dialog regarding the current park funding and how funding could be in jeopardy in the near future.

Board discussion centered on park funding and whether a pole structure should be added to the park for equipment storage. After increasing the amounts for park electricity and garbage removal, all supervisors approved the Park and Recreation budget.

COMPLETION OF STATE HIGHWAY FUND BUDGET

Public Input: none

Board discussion changed GL#438.245 to \$100,683.70 and GL#439.000 to \$147,000.00 as per Treasurer's recommendation. Vice-Chairman Edwards reported tar and chip plans for Second Lock Road and Byerland Church Road and paving plans for Budview Drive, Nolt Avenue, and the bottom section of Second Lock Road using state highway funds. The deteriorating condition of storm sewer pipes underlying the Marticville Road and Penn Grant Road intersection was discussed.

CONCLUSION:

Chairman Lehman moved to forward the State Highway Fund budget for the hearing to be held at 6:30 pm on December 15, 2021 at the Pequea Township Municipal Building. Vice-Chairman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman moved to forward the Pequea Township Recreation Fund 2022 proposed budget to the budget hearing being held December 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Pequea Township Municipal Building. Supervisor Haas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman moved to forward the Pequea Township General Fund budget for 2022 to the 6:30 pm December 15, 2021 budget hearing. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. Supervisors Lehman, Haas, Lucas and Edwards voted in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek opposed.

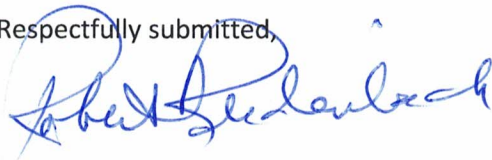
Chairman Lehman moved to verify that our budget hearing will be held on December 15, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Township building. Vice-Chairman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

Chairman Lehman thanked the Board members for coming prepared to this budget workshop. Vice-Chairman Edwards thanked our treasurer, Dawn Rineer, for her effort and fine work in preparing this budget.

NOTE: the second budget workshop, conditionally scheduled for November 3, 2021, is now cancelled as all necessary budget work has been completed.

Workshop adjourned at 10:28 am

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Reidenbach", is written over the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Robert Reidenbach

Asst. Twp. Recording Sec.

Lequea Township Board of Supervisors
Budget Workshop I meeting
Saturday, October 23, 2021 9:00am

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