

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING- December 15, 2021

Present at the meeting were:

Harry Lehman, Chairman
Scott Edwards, Vice-Chairman
Eric Lucas, Supervisor
E. John Hlavacek, Supervisor
Tom Haas, Supervisor

Others present:

Robert Reidenbach, Twp. Assistant/
Recording Sec.
Jeff Kreider Della Kreider
Chief Michener Dave Stahl
Brad Shenk Jackie Johns
Elaine Walmer Mike Novak
Beth Novak Mike Thomas

CALL TO ORDER: Chmn. Lehman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Lehman announced:

- The purpose of this meeting was to consider the final adoption of the proposed 2022 budget.
- The Pequea Township Board of Supervisors held one Budget Workshop on October 23, 2021 to arrive at the proposed budget for 2022.
- Notice had been properly advertised on October 27, 2021, and a copy of the proposed Pequea Township Budget was made available at the Township office from October 27 to December 15, 2021.

BUDGET NARRATIVE:

Chairman Lehman told the audience that a township contribution to the Lancaster County Public Library would be forthcoming in 2022. He reported that approximately \$30,000 were donated by township residents for the new police station. After stating that there would be no proposed increase in taxes for 2022, Lehman then highlighted the following accomplishments and explained the funding, spending and financial projections for each category.

General Fund:

- Silver Mine Road bridge completed
- Street lights have been converted to LED lights
- Updated pension documents with PMRS
- Successful pension audit for the Uniformed 2020 and Non-uniformed 2020
- Updated meeting room
- Police headquarters at New Danville
- Agreement pending with Providence Township on the Radcliff Road bridge
- Linestown Road stormwater drainage project
- Township parking lot paved

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- Major stormwater project on Stoney Lane completed

Recreation Fund:

- The barn and shed at Silver Mine Park were repaired and painted

State Highway Fund: projects completed

- Penn Grant-272N to 272S, 272S to Millwood/paving
- Pleasant View Dr-PennGrant to Township line/paving
- Casey Drive-Nolt Ave. to Township line/paving
- Silver Mine Road bridge wing wall repair
- Herrville road-272 to Penn Dot shed/tar-n-chip double coat
- Brooks Ave,-272 to Herrville Rd./tar-n-chip double coat
- Linestown Rd.-Radcliff to 272/tar- n-chip single coat

projects planned:

- Second Lock Road- paving
- Nolt Ave.-paving
- Budview- paving
- Second Lock Road-tar-n-chip/single seal
- Byerland Church Rd.-double coat tar-n-chip

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Questions or comments on the proposed 2022 budget

- Jackie Johns reminded that the restoration of the Pequea Township Municipal Building's sign was an accomplishment for 2021. She reminded the BOS of their intent to use funds from the American Rescue Fund to increase the Township's donation to the EMS. She asked about the prospects for the purchase of a truck for use at Silver Mine Park.
- Mike Novak asked for clarification on the use of the monies received for the State Highway fund.

BUSINESS:

1. Consider final adoption of the proposed Pequea Township 2022 Budget

A. 2022 Proposed General Fund Budget

Chairman Lehman moved to adopt the General Fund budget for 2022. Vice-Chairman Edwards seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

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B. 2022 Proposed Recreation Fund Budget

Chairman Lehman moved to adopt the Recreation Fund budget for 2022. Supervisor Haas seconded the motion. Supervisors Haas, Lucas, Edwards and Lehman voted in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek opposed.

C. 2022 Proposed State Highway Fund Budget

Chairman Lehman moved to adopt the proposed 2022 State Highway Fund budget. Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. All voted in favor; none opposed.

2. Levy Tax Rate for the year 2022 by Resolution and define Tax Collector of Real Estate Taxes for Pequea Township.

Chairman Lehman moved to levy the tax rate for the year 2022 by resolution # **581-2021** (A Resolution of the Township of Pequea, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania establishing the tax rate for the year 2022) and define tax collector of real estate taxes for Pequea Township via Resolution # 581-2021.

Be it resolved and enacted and it is hereby resolved and enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Pequea Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania that a tax be and is hereby levied on all real property within the Township of Pequea subject to taxation for the fiscal year 2022, as follows:

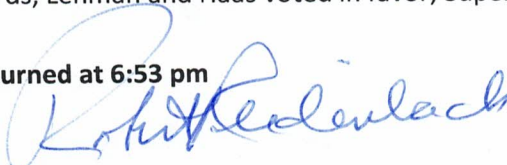
Real Estate Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of 1.567 mills, or \$0.1567 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation of taxable property.

Earned Income Tax at ½ of 1%.

Admission Tax at 10% as enacted under the Local Tax Enabling Act of December 31, 1065 P.L. 1257.

Supervisor Hlavacek expressed his belief that the tax increase of 2017 could be rescinded. Supervisor Lucas noted the effect of the recent inflation upon the Township's planned equipment purchases. Following discussion, Supervisor Lucas seconded the motion. Supervisor Lucas, Edwards, Lehman and Haas voted in favor; Supervisor Hlavacek opposed.

Hearing adjourned at 6:53 pm



Respectfully submitted,

Rob Reidenbach, Township assistant/recording secretary