

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Budget Workshop
September 29, 2014

The Board held a Budget Workshop beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Union Township Municipal Building, 3904 Finleyville-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA. Board Members in Attendance were Stephen Parish, Larry Spahr, and Paul Chasko. Brenda Cushey and Charles Trax could not attend. Also in attendance, Judy Taylor–Treasurer, Debra Nigon–Secretary,

The Board reviewed the line items of the budget prepared by the Treasurer and the projected numbers which were based on the preceding year and any information pertaining to work being considered in 2015. The Treasurer noted that the first budget is always an over budget which needs to be trimmed back to bring it into balance. The Treasurer drew attention to line items where adjustments have already been made. For instance, salt has increased \$5 per ton over what was charged last year; gas/diesel numbers were modified proportionally to reflect the vehicle purchases and trade-ins; and, since most computer equipment has now been replaced, the forecast in that area was reduced for 2015.

The only anticipated increases in revenue were small and were in Impact Fee income resulting from Act 13 and possibly in Earned Income Tax.

The main areas discussed by the Board as they went through the budget, were whether the Board wished to increase or decrease police coverage, the various public works projects being considered, health coverage and possible HCA penalties, the dollars to allocate to recreation in 2015, Nike site development, and the need to determine whether an additional employee will be added to replace Mr. Frye. Also discussed was possible gas well exploration on the Nike site property and the costs of a planner for a consultation on other development ideas.

Mr. Spahr said that in his conversation with the Chief of Southwest Regional Police, it was stated that the current rate for coverage would stay the same this year and could be negotiated at a lower rate should coverage be increased.

Ms. Taylor said that \$22,000 should be left remaining in the Local Share Fund to carry over to 2015 if the costs for the remaining garage addition work is in line with the engineer's estimate. It was noted that the Township generally receives \$82,000 per year in Local Share Funds. Ms. Taylor said that the Local Share funds and Impact Fee funds could be used for building up matching funds for a grant application, to build up the slide account, or for whatever the Board should decide.

Since this was the first review of the budget for 2015, the Board will continue contemplating the figures towards making some of the necessary decisions and prior to making any definite changes in the preliminary budget.

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The meeting will be continued until Monday, October 20, 2014.

The Board adjourned at 8:35 p.m.


Debra A. Nigon, Secretary