

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Workshop – Mid-Year Budget Review
July 27, 2015

The Workshop was called to order by Chairperson Larry Spahr at 6:10 p.m. The meeting was held at the Union Township Municipal Building, 3904 Finleyville-Elrama Road, Finleyville, PA.

Board Members in Attendance by roll call were Stephen Parish, Larry Spahr, Charles Trax, and Ed Frye. Paul Chasko did not attend. Also in attendance, Dennis Makel–Solicitor, Judy Taylor–Treasurer, and Debra Nigon–Secretary.

The Treasurer reviewed the mid-year status of the 2015 budget with the Board. General Fund expenditures are anticipated to be under budget in total; however, the line item for road maintenance will be significantly over budget due to additional material costs for McClelland Road as well as for the portion of the 2015 paving project which cannot be funded solely from the Liquid Fuels Fund. The 2015 paving project came in at approximately \$263,000 and only \$209,000 is available in the Liquid Fuels Fund. The fund balance in the Township’s General Fund will be used to cover the remaining expense.

Revenues are predicted to be higher than budgeted for Comcast franchise fees as well as Charges for Services. Charges for Services is higher than budgeted due to the building permits applied for by Ringgold School District and W.G. Tomko. However, over all, revenues are in line with projections.

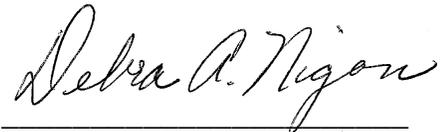
The Township received the normal \$82,000 from the Local Share Gaming Funds. Last year it was discussed to possibly increase the Township’s donation to the fire departments. That extra opportunity for a donation is generally in November. The Local Share funds ear marked as matching funds should a Local Share Grant be awarded are available for use this year since no grant was received. The Treasurer mentioned the possibility of transferring these funds into the Capital Reserve Fund for another purpose since the Capital Reserve Accounts have been depleted by purchases and repairs performed in recent years. A transfer can be addressed at the end of the year based on the balance of the General Fund at that time.

Mr. Parish noted that the expense which was budgeted for repairs of a slide on Coal Bluff Road does not appear to be necessary since the curb which was installed is working as designed to direct water away from the area.

One outstanding project to consider is the Union Valley watershed project. The Township submitted an application to the LSA grant this year for this project as it has in prior years, and did not receive an award. It was discussed that the engineer will need to complete the Permit Application for the Army Corps of Engineers so that the Township is eligible to apply for grant funding for this project from other sources.

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The only other outstanding project remaining may be the Patterson Road / Snee project. If the Township road crew performs the work as was discussed at a recent meeting, the funds to complete the project will increase the already over budgeted road maintenance item.

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Debra A. Nigon, Secretary