

Union Township Board of Supervisors  
Budget Workshop  
October 20, 2015

*dan* | The Board of Supervisors Workshop was called to order by Chairperson Larry Spahr at 6:45 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 Steve Parish, Charles Trax, Larry Spahr and ~~Ed Frye~~ Paul Chasko. Also in attendance, Judy Taylor–Treasurer and Debra Nigon–Secretary. ~~Paul Chasko~~ Ed Frye did not attend.

Ms. Taylor noted that the copy of the budget dated October 7 contained the additions to the budget which were discussed at the last workshop which affected the General Fund and Capital Reserve were sent out to the Board.

The new summary shows the budget is short roughly \$86,500. The changes were discussed.

Item 01.392.18 was increased with funds coming from the equipment fund by \$12,000 for the Kubota tractor which was discussed to be purchased at the last meeting. An item was added for Nike Site building repair. The Treasurer allotted \$20,000 for the Nike Building Repair item as a starting point not knowing the costs to fix individual items and what items will be addressed in 2016, with an additional \$30,000 going towards repairs in 2017.

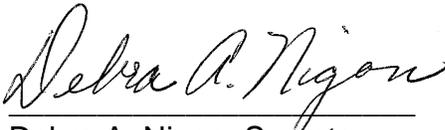
Since the Road Superintendent informed her that seal coat was needed on the building parking lot, item 01.409.373 was increased by \$10,000 though the cost is unknown on that work. The parking lot was cut at one time for drainage to be added prior to construction of the garage addition and there are considerable cracks in the asphalt.

The new F-550 truck discussed at the last meeting was added as a revenue item, 01.393.300, using a lease term in the sum of \$70,000 since that seemed to be a better prospect than a cash purchase as was discussed at the last meeting since lease purchase rates are low. Public Works expenditure item number 01.437.700, was increased for purchase of a new truck in the sum of \$70,000. Mr. Trax would like to see what a trade-in would be worth. The Treasurer said, depending on the purchase date, the first payment may not be due until the next year.

As discussed previously, the Township contribution should a Local Share grant be approved for Union Valley would be \$200,000. The balance currently in Local Share is \$92,000. By the time the match is needed, we would not have the full \$200,000 and would need to pull \$30,000 from the General Fund to make up the matching funds necessary. She informed the Board that this would drain the Local Share almost entirely, down to \$3,000 dollars. The donation to the fire departments was not increased, remaining at \$10,000 each in terms of this current version of the budget.

*Subject to Board Approval: October 26, 2015*

The Treasurer discussed possibly bumping up the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee since it went up 11% since last year. However, there is no way of telling until numbers are received in the spring whether the number will increase and by how much. Although the Township receives copies of Marcellus well applications in adjacent municipalities, and these applications appear to be increasing, these do not factor into our allotment until the first spud well is drilled. It was noted that drilling companies seem to be doing more re-drilling of current wells to reach the Utica layer. How this affects the impact fee is not known.

  
Debra A. Nigon, Secretary