

Union Township Board of Supervisors
Budget Workshop
November 9, 2015

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, Ed Frye and Paul Chasko. Also in attendance, Judy Taylor–Treasurer and Debra Nigon–Secretary.

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. These changes affected the General Fund and Capital Reserve. Those sections of the Budget were sent out to the Board since the last meeting.

The new 2016 Summary of Revenue and Expense Categories shows that expenditures exceed revenue by roughly \$69,000. A Fund Balance Reserve of the same amount was added to the Revenue Categories to balance the budget. The Township will start 2016 with a conservative fund balance carry over of approximately \$1.8 million which does not include the \$70,000 Fund Balance Reserve.

Item 01.310.210, the Earned Income item was increased slightly by approximately \$5000 to reflect the two months of income which may be received this year. Item 01.321.800, the Cable Franchise item was increased to reflect the new 5% revenue rate in the latest cable franchise agreement.

Item 01.400.100 was modified slightly to reflect the increase of pay for the newly elected Supervisors. However, Brenda Cushey's remaining term, the two-year seat, may remain the same as the rate Ms. Cushey would have received per her date of election, pending legal review.

Item 01.409.373 for Building/Repair Maintenance was increased due to the seal coating of the parking lot which is required this year.

Item 01.490.740 was increased to provide funds for a portable generator which can be used at the Nike Site since there is no electricity in case power tools or other power needs are required on the premises. The generator can also be used elsewhere if needed.

Item 01.410.451 for Police Contract Maintenance was increased to account for the meeting attendance pay and Beach House patrols.

Item 01.437.700 for New Equipment was increased to \$70,000 for the new Ford F-550 with stainless bed which was discussed at prior Budget meetings.

No other changes were made since the last meeting. It was thought to increase the Impact Fee from \$180,000, but it was decided to leave it the same for 2016 to be conservative. Any

additional impact fee funds received by the Township in 2016 could be used towards paying for 2016 police coverage or any other allowable use for Impact Funds.

The Liquid Fuels Expenditure, Item 35.439.450, had been set at \$200,000 but was reduced to \$195,000 to bring the Liquid Fuels account into the black since the paving project was over budget this year. This reduces the amount available for the next paving project by \$5,000.

It was discussed that there was an extra keyway that was done by Morgan Excavating during this year's paving project which must have been left out of the original bid, bringing the count up to 11 keyways. Their project was increased from \$263,000 to \$274,000 to account for that keyway as well as other additional material spending. It was discussed that there was additional work performed by the paving project contractor which could have increased the amount due to Morgan Excavating. However, this work was not approved by Mr. Parish, the engineer or the road superintendent and will not be paid.

Debra A. Nigon, Secretary