

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
Budget meeting
September 10, 2013
Approved minutes
6:30 PM

Call to order, moment of silence, and pledge of allegiance.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Makely, Chairman; Mark Toth, Vice Chairman; Chris Amentas, Member; Ed Porter, Member; Joe Pomorski, Member; Denise Miller, Township Secretary; Rosemary Moore, Township Treasurer.

Mrs. Moore stated that most of the first quarter of 2014 earned income tax revenue will be adjusted back to 2013, which is part of the reason why \$1,300,000.00 is being projected for 2013 and 2014.

Mrs. Moore asked for clarification on what fund the Comprehensive Plan and the Act 537 Plan should come from. The Board stated that the Act 537 Plan should come from the Capital Project Fund and the Comprehensive Plan should come from the General Fund. Mr. Porter stated that the County recommends having the Comprehensive Plan in place before the Act 537 Plan.

Mr. Porter asked Mrs. Moore what rate increase she is using for the police department. Mrs. Moore replied 3% for police, as well as for the non-uniformed employees.

Mrs. Moore recommended making the trash and recycling bill \$250.00 per resident, considering Allied Waste and Munibilling's fees and the fact that every year a substantial number of residents do not pay, and it can take up to several years to collect. Mr. Makely stated that you cannot make money on the trash bill so he suggested keeping the fee at \$210.00. The Board agreed to keep it at the initial \$210.00 per resident. Mr. Pomorski recommended instituting a \$50.00 public safety fee that would allow the township to hire two new full time police officers. Mr. Porter stated that the police growth rate increased 27% from 2011 to 2013.

Buddy Rhoades made multiple comments about the budget and trash system. Mr. Rhoades also asked the Board who sets the wages for the employees. Mr. Makely replied that 3% was put in the budget across the board.

The Board stated that there is a police arbitration meeting on October 23, 2013, and hopefully a meeting with the Board and Police Negotiating Committee before then.

Mrs. Moore informed the Board that the office and police department will need new computers because the operating system will not be supported as of March 2014. Mrs. Moore also stated that the cost of the computers is not reflected in the budget as an expense item because they will be purchased and capitalized on the balance sheet as an asset.

Adjournment – Mr. Makely made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Mr. Pomorski seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary