

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
Budget meeting
December 5, 2013
Approved minutes
7:35 PM

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

Mrs. Moore presented the Board with the proposed 2014 budget, draft 12/5/13, and stated that the 2013 estimated projected \$128,000.00 surplus was applied to the 2014 budget, to try and close the budget gap. Mrs. Moore also stated that the projected transfer of \$90,860.00 was taken from the Capital Projects Fund, to balance the budget.

Mr. Amentas asked Mrs. Moore what the impact of hiring a new full time police officer was. Mrs. Moore replied that his 2014 salary is approximately \$53,000.00 with the annual medical and dental benefits approximately \$11,000.00, minus what his part time wage was.

Mr. Amentas stated that Greg Richardson, Traffic Planning and Design, said that there may be approximately \$80,000.00 remaining from the West Chester/South Caln Road intersection project. Mr. Amentas asked Mrs. Moore if it would be reasonable to use that money for the budget. Mr. Porter replied no, that would be just padding it. Mrs. Moore replied that she recalls that it was previously mentioned that whatever is remaining can be used for anything. The Board agreed to put the remaining money in the Capital Project Fund.

Buddy Rhoades asked the Board to do the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pledge was done.

Mrs. Moore pointed out a few accounts to the Board: 1403.13 legal services for the Act 537 Plan and 1408.13 for the engineering portion of the Act 537 Plan. Also, 1432.13 Liquid Fuel Fund ("LF") where \$20,936.22 has to be paid back to the "LF" Fund from the General Fund next year because the diesel fuel spending went over the \$10,000.00 threshold, and a bid was not advertised to get other company prices, therefore it was a 2011 "audit finding." Mrs. Moore also stated that General Fund money will be used once the "LF" diesel fuel expense total gets to the new threshold of \$18,500.00.

Mr. Amentas asked Mrs. Moore if any of the \$20,936.22 could be used towards the road department. Moore replied no, because "LF" money is not being used for road department hours in 2013, because the Board previously decided to stop this procedure.

Mr. Porter asked Mrs. Moore if she is worried about the revenue being increased by \$30,000.00, from September. Mrs. Moore replied no, she has analyzed each item line by line and has a better projection for 2013 at this point in the year.

Mr. Porter asked about the police percentage increase. Mrs. Moore replied that most of the first payroll in January 2014 represents the end of 2013, so the auditor requires the first January payroll gets adjusted back into 2013 expenses.

Mr. Porter asked Mrs. Moore about the increases in several line items. Mrs. Moore replied that they are figures received from Tag and Chief Porter.

Mr. Toth made a motion to authorize the Secretary to advertise the 2014 budget, 12/5/13 draft, for public review. Mr. Pomorski seconded. Buddy Rhoades had several questions and comments on the 2014 budget. Mr. Porter asked Mrs. Moore where she sees the 2014 budget. Mrs. Moore replied that she fears a cash crisis next year, and the need to use Capital Project Funds. Mrs. Moore also asked the Board for clarification on the non uniform employee raises. Mr. Toth and Mr. Amentas replied that they are ok with 3%. Mark Toth and Mr. Pomorski voted yea. Mr. Amentas voted yea but suggested that Chris Makely attend the December 30, 2013 meeting because the budget may not pass. Ed Porter voted nae because there was spending that was not clarified. Vote passed.

Resolution 2013-09 – Mr. Toth made a motion authorizing application for the 2013 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the East Fallowfield Community Park Habitat & Vegetation Management Guide Book. Mr. Amentas seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Porter stated that Mrs. Miller asked him for clarification on his "nae" vote, from the November 26, 2013 Board meeting, regarding the hiring of Officer Justin Fonock. Mr. Porter explained that his "nae" response was because he would like to see something else done within that department, and due to the budget. Mr. Porter also stated that he has no problems with Officer Fonock, and if there was something going on he would have said yes. Mr. Amentas agreed and further stated that with the impact of the hiring there really is no counter action proposed at this time, to rectify that.

Adjournment – Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn the December 5, 2013 budget meeting at 7:15 PM. Mr. Pomorski seconded.
Vote: Unanimous.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary