

WINDSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Budget Workshop

November 7, 2013 Continuation of October 21, 2013 Recessed Meeting

The meeting of the Windsor Township Board of Supervisors was reconvened at 1:00 p.m. by Chairman Paul Smith.

Those present: Paul Smith, Dean Heffner, Rodney Sechrist, Jo Anna Shovlin and Jennifer Gunnet.

The proposed 2014 Budget was discussed in length. Some of the matters discussed are as follows:

- It was noted that the figure used for the York Area Regional Police Department is the preliminary number as their 2014 Budget has not been approved yet.
- Mrs. Gunnet advised that four individuals were interviewed for the position of Dog Officer. Both of the top two (2) candidates charge more than Hemler's Animal Control. An appointment will be discussed at the next regular meeting.
- Donations to organizations like Kaltreider-Benfer Library, the VNA, Red Lion Community Services and the senior centers were increased as it has been many years since the last increase.
- After the fire at Lower Windsor Township, Mrs. Gunnet contacted our insurance agent to verify our insurance coverage and inquire about obtaining replacement costs for the vehicles and equipment. She found that EMC Insurance does not offer replacement costs for vehicles, only actual cash value. However, they do offer replacement costs for equipment covered under the Inland Marine policy. Replacement costs is offered for equipment less than 7 years old with values over \$10,000. The additional cost would be approximately \$180 annually. This will be included in our insurance renewal in March of 2014.
- Mr. Heffner noted that the difference between the cost of a stake body truck and a service body truck for the Highway Department was not as great as he anticipated. Due to this, he felt that a service body style truck should be purchased. It was the consensus of the Board to include the cost of a service body truck in the 2014 Budget.
- When the Sewer Reserve Fund was discussed, Mr. Heffner asked that there be discussion on the improvements proposed for the Hickory Ridge Pump Station. He advised that due to the moisture issue in the pump housing more improvements should be done than what is proposed. Mrs. Gunnet will discuss this with the Public Works Director
- Mrs. Gunnet noted that the engineering line item in the Sewer Reserve Fund includes engineering for the elimination of the Beaverson Pump Station, for the proposed sewer extension on Dietz Rd. to Cranberry Lane as well as regular engineering. It was asked if Springettsbury Township has approved the concept for the elimination of the Beaverson Pump Station. Mrs. Gunnet advised that she spoke with their Manager who indicated that the staff was going to recommend approval of the concept. She will verify that this has occurred.

- During discussion regarding the Solid Waste Fund, Mr. Smith advised that he had hoped to have the Modern Landfill negotiations completed by the end of the year but that will not happen. He asked that the appointment of another Board member will be required. This is to be added to the agenda for the next regular meeting.

Mrs. Gunnet advised that she will make the changes discussed and have the proposed 2014 Budget ready for public inspection at the November 18, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Smith advised that the Township is at a point where a decision on the financing for future sewer extensions needs to be made. He noted that during previous water extensions, the total cost of the extensions have been paid by the property owners affected. He added that it is not fair to ask the present customers to pay the costs as they have already paid for the costs when the sewer mains were originally installed and years worth of reserve capacity. A discussion followed. The Board indicated that if this approach was taken, low interest loans for 10 or 15 years could be offered to the property owners. On the motion of Paul Smith seconded by Dean Heffner, the total cost of sewer extension will be shared equally by the property owners affected by the extension. Motion carried. Three votes yes.

Mr. Smith asked if there was any public comment. Ms. Shovlin thanked the Board for the opportunity to be included in these discussions. She noted that Mr. Smith is going to be missed.

Mr. Smith asked the Board members if they had any comments. Mr. Heffner asked if the letter had been sent to North Hopewell Township regarding the cost of the Husson Rd. bridge. Mrs. Gunnet advised that it had been. Mr. Sechrist advised that he didn't have any comments.

Mr. Smith advised that the York Area Regional Police Commission has been having discussions on establishing a formula to determine the amount of police coverage required to be purchased by contracting municipalities. Last week he met with Chief Gross and their solicitor regarding this. It was originally thought that this would require an amendment to the Charter Agreement but it can be done without changing the Charter Agreement. He cautioned the Board about not rushing into anything that may change the Charter Agreement. Ms. Shovlin expressed an interest in serving on the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Gunnet  
Secretary