

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWERMAKEFIELD
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES – NOVEMBER 16, 2015**

A special Budget Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Lower Makefield was held in the Municipal Building on November 16, 2015. Chairman Tyler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those Present:

Board of Supervisors: Kristin Tyler, Chairman
 Dobby Dobson, Treasurer
 Jeff Benedetto, Secretary
 Ron Smith, Supervisor

Others: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
 Joe Menard, Citizens Budget
 Ethan Shiller, Citizens Budget

SEWER CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Fedorchak provided the Board with a print out of the sewer capital budget which he put together.

Item #1 – Morrisville Borough Sewer Authority

- In 2015 and 2016 the Township is obligated to pay Morrisville Authority \$1,200,000 for a project that they completed last year. Morrisville had to run a discharge pipe from the plant to the middle of the Delaware River. This needed to be done because sewage was being discharged along the bank and collecting.

This \$1,200,000 represents Lower Makefield's share of the total project costs. When Lower Makefield found out about this last year, Mr. Fedorchak asked them to bill the Township in two installments.

Last month, Mr. Fedorchak advised the board that Morrisville has a significant number of problems with their plant. Morrisville had stated that there were only two remedies

- Replace Existing equipment and upgrade the existing plant at a cost of approximately \$85,000,000 (engineering costs for Lower Makefield will be 5% to 10% of \$85,000,000)
- Build a new plant at a cost of approximately \$125,000,000

Tri-State Engineers attended a special meeting designed for the engineers, where Morrisville engineer presented to Yardley Borough and Lower Makefield Township the technical aspects and background information. Mr. Fedorchak stated he would like to have Lower Makefield's

sewer engineer appear at the December 2nd board meeting to give a report directly to the Supervisors. This is a conversation the Supervisors need to have with him.

Whether it is an upgrade to existing plant or building a new plant, this will not happen in the next few years but could take several years. However, Lower Makefield Township will be incurring sizable engineering expenses and its share of Morrisville's costs is approximately 45%.

- In 2017 through 2020 these figures represent mostly engineering fees and at some point will be applied towards construction costs.
- The 2015 and 2016 numbers are real numbers. Beyond that are estimates. Mr. Shiller noted the 2015/2016 numbers were presented last November but not getting firm until now. He asked if this means there is an outstanding bill Lower Makefield will receive from Morrisville at the end of the year. Mr. Fedorchak stated this could happen.

Mr. Smith asked what Mr. Fedorchak what he means. Mr. Fedorchak stated the solution to what is going on in Morrisville is that it will cost between \$85,000 and \$125,000,000 in the not too distant future.

Mr. Fedorchak explained that last month, just prior to the introduction of the preliminary budget, he attended a meeting with Morrisville, which for the first time he got the news about plan a or b. Mr. Smith felt that Mr. Fedorchak's tone is that if the Township doesn't take immediate action they will be in trouble. Mr. Fedorchak stated he doesn't think the Township will be in trouble but the board needs to understand he doesn't see a less expensive solution to the Morrisville situation. This is why he wants the Sewer Engineer to address the Board of Supervisors at the December 2nd meeting.

Mr. Fedorchak advised the Township sewer engineer has evaluated some possible alternatives and will probably inform the board that there are none. He emphasized he wants the Board to have the conversation with the Sewer Engineer.

Mr. Fedorchak explained that the current transmission agreement with Morrisville requires them to only advise Lower Makefield by November as to Lower Makefield's financial obligations. He noted in the Yardley Borough Agreement, Yardley has an obligation to include Lower Makefield during the engineering design phase for capital construction. Morrisville does not.

This has been his frustration with Morrisville for a number of years.

Mr. Benedetto asked about Morrisville's plan for addressing this and questioned if they will be trying to sell their plant and whether Lower Makefield is planning to address selling the sewer system. Mr. Fedorchak recommended they start this conversation. Mr. Fedorchak stated Lower Makefield stated most of the sewage has to go to Morrisville. There is no other viable plan.

Mr. Smith asked what this will mean to the average homeowner. Mr. Fedorchak stated he doesn't know at this time. He stated \$120,000,000 will be about \$3,000,000 a year debt service

would could increase rates theoretically by 75%, Mr. Menard advised this would be five times the general fund debt.

Mr. Smith stated they need to tell people and Mr. Fedorchak stated this is why he wants the engineer to speak to the Supervisors.

Mr. Fedorchak stated he also questions the Morrisville Authority to undertake and manage a \$125,000,000 project. He stated there needs to be a conversation about possibly a joint authority with Morrisville, Lower Makefield and Yardley Borough as well as a few other entities. Mr. Smith asked why Morrisville would want to do this. Mr. Fedorchak stated Lower Makefield wants this so they have a seat at the decision making table. Mr. Smith asked what the options are if Morrisville does not agree. Mr. Fedorchak stated this is something for the solicitor to look into. In theory this would give Lower Makefield a 40% stake in the final decision. In view of the amount of money Lower Makefield will have to pay they should have a place in the decision making.

Mr. Smith asked if the 75% figure for possible increase is conservative. Mr. Fedorchak stated he does not know but would like to do more analysis.

Mrs. Tyler asked if there will be any Federal or State monies to help offset the costs. Mr. Fedorchak stated he doubts it.

Mr. Smith asked if Lower Makefield sells the sewer system how this would affect users. Mr. Menard stated anyone coming in to buy Lower Makefield's system and there is new debt this would stay within Lower Makefield's rate. Mr. Benedetto stated people have an issue with selling the sewer system and owning a golf course and pool. Selling the sewer system Lower Makefield does lose control. Selling the system would not be a hedge against raising rates. Mr. Benedetto stated he understands what Mr. Fedorchak is saying and hopefully this will not happen and Morrisville will be able to find some way to make the costs significantly less.

Mr. Fedorchak stated he does not think it matters. Despite this he thinks Lower Makefield is better off just trying to get a seat at the decision-making table.

Mr. Smith asked if Morrisville is incompetent. Mr. Fedorchak stated they are doing all the basics correctly but does not think they made the hard decisions that needed to be made 5 to 10 years ago. The system seems to be ok. Their system is hydraulically overloaded which means more sewage is coming in than permitted for. This happens on a regular basis. Also, sometimes there are organic overloads. There are a few things that constantly happen that Morrisville hasn't been able to address.

Mr. Smith asked if Lower Makefield is paying more than they should. Mr. Fedorchak stated the agreement with Yardley Borough is accurate. Regarding Morrisville he feels the numbers are where Lower Makefield should be.

Mr. Shiller stated if Morrisville is penalized by DEP does Lower Makefield pay 45% share of this penalty. Mr. Fedorchak advised that Mr. Koopman will be getting an answer on this.

Mr. Shiller also asked if they are looking to project this out to 2020 into the budget as a debt expense. Mr. Fedorchak stated Lower Makefield has no sense of timing of construction at this time. He hopes at the December 2nd meeting the sewer engineer will have a better idea of the timeline for this.

Mr. Fedorchak also noted that with respect to option b (building a new plant); Morrisville is looking at property which they do not own.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Fedorchak if he has a plan to present to the Supervisors for next year or immediate action in 2015. Mr. Fedorchak stated they need to know what is coming and have a general idea of how this will impact the Township. They need a better idea of what the Township sewer engineer thinks are going to be the Township's expenses from 2017 through 2020. Thereafter they can decide how to proceed.

Question was raised if the new plant should be built in Lower Makefield. Mr. Fedorchak stated he would never recommend constructing a sanitary sewer plant within Lower Makefield's boundaries.

Mr. Shiller asked if there will be any expenses incurred by Lower Makefield because they have to run parallel systems while maintaining what is presently there. Mr. Fedorchak stated this will also be figured out by the Township sewer engineer.

Mr. Benedetto noted the sewer capital budget as of 9/21/15 the 2015 projects are approximately \$785,000 but on the handout it shows \$845,000. He also noted the 2016 is \$1,220,000 which is \$300,000 more than originally projected. Mr. Fedorchak stated this includes additional monies with Yardley Borough. The Sewer Engineers will be before the Supervisors at their meeting on November 19th and will present a timeline on construction and what Lower Makefield's obligations will be over the next two years. He noted Yardley Borough was also present at the Morrisville meeting.

- Mr. Benedetto reiterated his concerns about the transfer of \$250,000 from the sewer fund to the general fund. He suggested this be significantly lowered or not done for 2016. Mr. Menard stated that they have revised this number and this is closer to \$190,000 for 2016. Mr. Benedetto felt this transfer sends the wrong message. He knows this has been done for the last 20 plus years. In 2016 the sewer fund balance will be over \$6,000,000. He would either keep this money in the sewer fund or put this into the capital fund (in addition to the \$500,000). Mr. Fedorchak stated the cash balance will be higher than \$1,200,000 and could be between \$1,500,000 and \$1,600,000. He will double check these numbers with the audit.

Mr. Menard stated the formal being used is a methodology approved by the board in the past. He explained the administration, finance and tech support do not provide their own revenue stream but supports all the operation of the Township of which sewer is one. This is a method of allocating costs. Mr. Benedetto feels that \$250,000 transfer is too high. Mr. Menard stated this is based on expenditures in the sewer department. Mr. Benedetto stated they are taking the

dollar amount from sewer based upon the significant revenue generated by the sewer. Mr. Menard stated the dollar amount is based upon expenditures, not revenues.

Mr. Menard stated that whatever method is used they still have the same amount of costs to allocate. Mr. Benedetto stated he does not have an issue with taking money for expenses but to taking ten times as much money from the sewer rental as they do from the golf course. Mr. Menard stated this is a methodology which has been consistently applied. If they want to change the methodology they should have a discussion about that, not that it is wrong. Mr. Benedetto stated his issue is the amount being transferred. Since 2011 \$250,000 each year has been transferred from the sewer fund to general operating. This \$1,250,000 could have been in the sewer capital improvement fund.

Mr. Fedorchak stated everyone is right. It is just what they are comfortable with. Mr. Benedetto felt that this sends the wrong message to take the money out. He would prefer not to take the money from the sewer fund. However if they are going to do it take \$190,000 and put into the capital fund/not the general fund. Mr. Menard stated they are just transferring the cost.

Mr. Benedetto stated this should be changed in 2016.

Mr. Fedorchak's understanding is to take the transfer and put it into the sewer capital fund.

Mr. Smith asked if what Lower Makefield is faced with is unique to Lower Makefield. Mr. Fedorchak advised the need for a new plant is not common. Mr. Shiller asked what upper Makefield does and Mr. Fedorchak advised they have package treatment plans and on-lot systems.

Item 2 – Yardley Borough Sewer Authority Pump Station

- This is to cover shared costs for pump station improvements

Item 3 – LMT Interceptor/Collection System Lining

- This deals with BCWSA. They have had a number of issues with DEP. This system goes to Philadelphia. BCWSA conversations with DEP relate to amount of flows running from all their users. All communities have to engage in an I & I reduction. Lower Makefield has been looking at sections of the system and has identified infiltration. This is usually found where the pipe joints are falling apart allowing the water table to enter the sewer line. A liner is being placed into these sections which significantly reduce the infiltration. This program needs to be continued and over the next few years will cost around \$100,000 per year. He stated that this is not optional but mandated by DEP. Mr. Fedorchak stated he does not think they will see too much more after 2017. He explained sections of the system are televised which identified the areas to be lined. Overall the system is in good shape.

Item 4 – Act 537 Mandated Public Sewer Extensions

- The Township 537 plan needs to be updated. This plan requires Lower Makefield Township to identify areas which need to be sewerred and then requires Lower Makefield to bring public sewers to those areas. Mr. Fedorchak stated that DEP's goal is to have everyone on

public sewer. Once the 537 plan is complete, Lower Makefield will be obligated to provide sewers within a specific timeframe.

Mr. Dobson asked if the installation of sewers will be at the property owner's expense. Mr. Fedorchak explained the procedure, noting most of the costs are passed onto the homeowner. This is the way these projects work in most municipalities. Usually if there is a section of pipe that needs to be run to get to the homes, this cost is borne by the Township. This is how the Township has done it in the past.

Mr. Smith asked who does the calculations and Mr., Fedorchak stated this is done by the sewer engineer.

Mr. Benedetto asked about an H2O Grant. Mr. Fedorchak stated this cannot be counted on. At Delaware Rim there is a small development planned and the Township has discussed with the developer extending the sewer. However this would only help 5 to 6 homes. Nothing else is planned for this area.

Item #5 – Pump Station Motor Control Center Replacements

- Controls will need to be replaced at the pump stations, of which there are 14.

Item #6 – Stackhouse Ejector Station

- The ejector station at Stackhouse was constructed in 1963 and in 2017 will need to be rebuilt. This is part of Lower Makefield's system.

Item #7 – Replace Sewer Department Vehicle

- A new vehicle will be needed in a few years.

Item #8 – Maplevale Interceptor

- Work was done in 2015

Item #9 – Scheduled Pump Replacement

- Pump stations will need to be replaced in the future.

Item #10 – BCWSA Neshaminy Interceptor

- There could be a unknown factor as Bucks County Water & Sewer works through issues with DEP and come to a final solution. Mr. Fedorchak stated he does not know what this will look like. If the removal of I & I is not successful something else will need to be done. Although a parallel system would be shared by several municipalities it would be expensive.

Item #11 – Joint Use Upgrades with Yardley Borough Sewer Authority

- At the November 18th BOS meeting the Sewer Authority engineer will be present and provide the board with milestones for the construction.

Mr. Smith asked if the figures given are conservative. Mr. Fedorchak advised they could be more.

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Mr. Fedorchak stated that in 2011 the bond issue was refinanced mostly for sewer. In the process approximately \$1,000,000 due to the refinance. The Board decided to take the savings over a few years of about \$300,000 per year. This is the reason they were able to put \$500,000 into the sewer capital fund and allow the Township to pay as they go for capital improvements.

In 2016 the debt service figures have returned to where they were prior to 2011, at about \$600,000/year. The operating budget is where it will be unless they incur more debt to pay for these projects. Mr. Fedorchak stated this is a conversation they will have to have in 2016.

Mr. Benedetto asked if the \$500,000 was put into the capital reserve at the time of the bond refinance. Mr. Fedorchak stated it may have been a little before that. He would need to check. Mr. Menard stated this started in 2010 or 2011.

Mr. Fedorchak stated that in line with the proposal to sell the sewer system a complete analysis was done of the system. The conclusion was that rates needed to be raised. At that time they also recognized that they needed to set up the reserve for future capital improvements. The last sewer increase was in 2011 of 15%. Prior to that there was an increase of 25%.

Dept. 429, Line 100 – Personnel Services

- With the approval of the sewer billing contract one less full-time position is needed in the sewer dept. That employee is retiring as of the first of the year.

Dept. 429, Line 300 – Contracted Services

- Due to the outsourcing of sewer billing to BCWSA this has been increased.

Discussion held regarding the contracting of sewer services. Mr. Fedorchak advised the contract is complete. He does not think this will start in January. Realistically this will take place with the first quarter billing of 2016, no later than mid-year. Mr. Benedetto noted that contract services talks about a set up date 2015 of \$125,000 with an annual fee of \$62,000 which should be less since they will not be starting this service as of January 1st. Mr. Fedorchak stated the \$125,000 was part of the contract. It's the second fee that will be different.

Mrs. Cecchine asked if anyone attends either the Morrisville or Yardley Borough Authority meetings on behalf of Lower Makefield Township. Mr. Fedorchak advised they have not. He thinks Yardley Borough Sewer Authority is in a good place with their management team and with the new agreement Lower Makefield Township is allowed to participate on important construction issues. Regarding Morrisville Mr. Fedorchak stated they cannot change much. He doesn't know if going backwards would be of much value to the Township at this point.

Mrs. Cecchine asked if DEP wants everyone to be on sewer, or prefers everyone to be on sewer. Mr. Fedorchak felt they absolutely want everyone on public sewer. This is the State's goal.

Dept. 429, Item 313 – Engineering Fees

Mr. Fedorchak agreed these will increase

Recap of Sewer Budget

- Approval of Agreements with Yardley Borough and related costs
- LMT to pay share of work completed at Morrisville in the amount of \$1,250,000
- Issues with Morrisville Plant to come into compliance with DEP
 - Replace existing plant - \$85,000,000 or build new plant \$120,000,000
- Increase in contractual services to Bucks County Water & Sewer due to outsourcing of sewer billing
- Reduce transmission fees by \$100,000

LIQUID FUELS

Mr. Fedorchak stated on the 25 year schedule Mr. Eisold estimates this will cost approximately \$1,250,000 per year. The 30 year plan goes up incrementally starting at \$800,000 to around \$1,000,000. These will need to be fine tuned by Mr. Eisold. The 2016 budget has \$700,000 in the budget. It was noted the 2015 road program started with \$850,000 and then roads were added.

Mr. Eisold will speak more about the 25/30 year resurfacing program at the November 18th BOS meeting.

Mr. Shiller asked about the \$700,000 figure. Mr. Fedorchak explained this is what is left over after expensing out from liquid fuels and what is in the capital revenue. Over the last few years they had extra money to put into the road programs. In 2015 final figures will be more than \$1,000,000. The Road program is financed through liquid fuels and capital fund.

Referring to Liquid Fuels (Fund #35), the largest expense is Department 439, Item #374 – Repairs and maintenance in the amount of \$565,815. This amount is arrived at deducting the expenses in Department 438 which total \$272,475, plus Dept 439, Item 245-Materials in the amount of \$75,000. Item #245 is for salt and may need to be adjusted depending on the winter.

Mr. Fedorchak advised over the last few years liquid fuels received from the state has increased slightly. However it is still \$100,000 less than three years ago.

Referring to the Capital Reserve Fund Revenues, Mr. Fedorchak noted that Dept. 387, Line #302 showing Toll Brothers payment of \$450,000 is the last of three payments which was part of the settlement agreements. After 2016 this amount will be zero. He stated that the budgets have depended on developer fees. When first received it helped offset the drop-off in fees in other areas which was experienced. He stated all of the capital funds; particularly the capital reserve does not have a dedicated revenue stream. Over the last decade the Township has funded capital improvements with these fees.

As mentioned at the last budget meeting, there will be another payment requirement from Toll which will start next year as part of the settlement agreement. These payments will be

approximately \$200,000 for three years. This number is currently being negotiated. After that there will no longer be any money being received from Toll which will allow the Township to spend money in an unrestricted way. The only other source of money coming in from Toll is the Bridge fund for the I-95 overpass. Currently there is approximately \$200,000 in this fund. However there are certain milestones needed to be met before the money could be spent. These have not been met. Mr. Fedorchak stated he feels the Township has the flexibility to spend this money. There are certain restrictions on where this money can be spent and what it can be spent on, i.e. open space and/or road improvements in a certain geographic area. Mr. Fedorchak explained the area this encompasses. If the board chooses some of this money could be used for road resurfacing projects in that area.

Mr. Fedorchak stated his concern is to look at these capital funds without the community center and the traditional expenses which have been police cruises, radios, upgrading of the Township building. These are not optional items but improvements to the facility infrastructure, police cruises. In the future these numbers will be restricted.

Regarding street equipment, Mr. Fedorchak has been working with public works to create a five year equipment program. Although no equipment purchases are listed for 2016. They may need to look at getting a 20 ton dump truck.

GENERAL FUND

The 2016 budget is similar to the 2015 budget.

- **Public Works**

Leaf Collection – Last year the public works director used just Township staff rather than using contractors to help staff for leaf collection. Contrary to what was presented the result was an increase in expense for the Township. For 2015 they have moved back to using contractors.

Mr. Benedetto stated that the map on the website appears to show that the leaf collection is behind schedule more so than last year. Mr. Fedorchak stated the instead of following the zones posted, the Township has 10 crews hitting as many areas as possible. He has instructed public works to provide to him, on a daily basis, all complaints/questions. He will stay on top of this and be able to report back to the Supervisors how things are going. There will be more people collecting leaves this year than last.

Mr. Fedorchak stated the public works is making value judgments as to where leaves need to be picked up. The main reason the collection program started earlier than usual is to see what pieces of equipment will break down. This was decided after discussions with the head mechanic and others that they should start the program early.

Mr. Benedetto noted the leaf collection fee shows \$491,580 which is \$50,000 more than collected and questioned the discrepancy. Mrs. Cecchine advised that the leaf collection fee is included in the discount period and the \$50,000 is the difference between what is billed and what is collected. Leaf collection fee to be pulled out of the discount.

- **Golf** – Mike Attara will be present at the November 18th Board of Supervisors meeting and present the Golf Budget.

Mr. Fedorchak stated if the Board wants to make significant changes this should be done Wednesday night. If there is a significant change they will need to reintroduce the budget within 20 days

Mr. Menard stated that looking at sewer operations by the end of 2016 they will be taking the operating surplus to zero. He recommended that to cover this deficit there be an increase. Discussion on possible percentage of increase. Mr. Menard explained that as planned the surplus obtained from the last increase was depleted over the last two year and it is now time to have another sewer increase.

Mr. Dobson noted there may be a transmission rate increase from the supplier which is a cost to the Township without revenue. If they basing it on additional flow relative to new hook up there should be some correlation between revenue and expenditure. Mr. Dobson noted that Dept. 429, Line 318 Transmission fees is \$100,000 more than 2015. Mr. Fedorchak stated this was done in anticipation of a transmission fee increase but has since been advised by Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority that there will be no increase in rates.

Mr. Dobson inquired if they are asking for a rate increase for 2016 and also 2017. Mr. Menard stated they are not. A rate increase is needed for operations. If the transmission fee is decreased by \$100,000 a ten percent increase would carry out a few years. Mr. Menard stated they are not trying to solve the capital fund tonight.

Mr. Benedetto stated he is looking at the sewer capital budget and the need to raise rates in light of the projects which will need to be paid for in the near future. Mr. Benedetto stated the fund is not operating in a deficit; the issue is they are transferring money to pay for capital projects. Mr. Fedorchak stated that this take into account the operating revenues minus the operating expenses which includes the \$500,000 transfer to the sewer capital fund. Including these items they anticipate having a loss of \$600,000.

They are talking about an additional \$500,000 in 2017 and they will need to raise rates to pay for these projects.

Mr. Fedorchak explained there are two items they are looking at – the capital budget and the operating budget. In the future they will not be able to pay as they go given the capital expenses they are faced. He stated if they take they take out the \$500,000 from the operating side as presented and taking out the extra \$100,000 put in for transmission fees will equal \$600,000 so they will break even. However they will not be putting \$500,000 into the capital fund. They are not paying as they go and now have to find another revenue stream.

Mr. Menard stated that the \$500,000 is a cost of operations. It goes into capital and then they decide how to spend it. Consistent with using this \$500,000 they are running a \$600,000 deficit less the \$100,000 referred to previously. To restore this \$500,000 there would need to be a 10% rate increase on the operating side. Mr. Menard stated the rate increase is planned to last for a few years. He thinks they need a rate increase for operations. Thereafter they can discuss what the long term capital plan for the sewer. This could be a combination of continuing with the \$500,000; increasing the \$500,000 or recognizing that there is some other long term financing which needs to be looked at. He stated he is not trying to solve the capital fund tonight or for the 2016 budget.

Mr. Shiller stated he doesn't disagree about the increase but in the 2017 operating budget they still will keep reducing the surplus if they don't maintain it.

Discussion held regarding rate increase. Mr. Menard stated a 10% increase would carry them out a few years.

Mr. Benedetto stated the issue becomes because of the increased cost down the road they are saying they will pay for this with a loan. This will not be paid out of pocket but paid from debt service. Mr. Menard stated if they want to have an additional increase the following year they can do that if they want. He is just saying that they need to take care of operating budget today so they have a small cushion to make the decision on how they want to handle the capital.

Mr. Smith stated he does not see how they cannot have a rate increase. Mr. Dobson stated he agrees. They have always said they want to be fiscal stewards of the Township and don't want to spend any money unless they have to. But in light of what they are faced with over the next few years they need to do something. Mr. Benedetto noted the Morrisville issue can be covered by a bond.

Mr. Menard noted that a 10% increase will only give them 7.5% in 2016 which equals \$350,000 so they will still have a \$200,000 deficit or reduction of surplus of \$200,000 in 2016. By 2017 they would probably break even.

Mr. Smith stated they have to strongly consider an increase in 2016 for operating. Mr. Benedetto noted it has been 5 years since they had an increase. He feels 10% would be appropriate. Mr. Menard stated that because of the \$100,000 savings on transmission fees a 10% increase would work. This would cover the daily operating expenses.

Mr. Benedetto stated it would be irresponsible not to have the increase. It was noted this would be an average increase of approximately \$40.00

It was also noted the Township will be saving money on the outsourcing of sewer billing.

Mrs. Cecchine noted that the Hydrant Fund is running a negative balance and suggested it be increased. She also inquired about the money in the library fund. Mr. Fedorchak stated Bucks County is aware of the money and it is up to them to draw it down. Some it was previously used for landscaping.

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Mr. Fedorchak advised that an amended preliminary budget will be available at the November 18th Supervisors meeting to be voted on so that the final can be voted on at the December 16th meeting.

Recap of Preliminary Budget

- Increase road program to \$1,000,000
- Include 10% sewer rate increase
- Increase 2016 hydrant tax .04 mills
- Remove street light assessment and leaf collection from discount
- Increase Non Resident Community pool fees to \$525 for Family and \$275 for Individual

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Benedetto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Benedetto, Secretary