

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OCTOBER 19, 2000
8:00 A.M.

The Lower Makefield Township Board of Supervisors convened for a Budget Work Session at 8 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Wesley Hackman.

Supervisors Present: Wesley Hackman, Chairman
Frank Fazzalore, Vice Chairman
Scott Fegley, Secretary/Treasurer
Grace Godshalk, Supervisor
Fred Allan, Supervisor

Others Present: Terry Fedorchak, Township Manager
William Taylor, Finance Director

Mr. Hackman distributed reports he had Mr. Taylor prepare to answer questions from last week's budget session.

Mr. Hackman stated he would like the ambulance tax shown as $\frac{1}{2}$ mill as it currently is. Mr. Fazzalore said he is confident that the referendum will be approved, and it should be shown as one mill. Mrs. Godshalk, Mr. Fegley and Mr. Hackman favored the $\frac{1}{2}$ percent.

Mr. Hackman stated he would like to see debt service broken out as a separate item on the tax bill. Mr. Fazzalore stated that would require a large expense for reprinting of the tax bills. There was no majority to change the tax bills.

PUBLIC WORKS

Public Works Director James Coyne and Rosemarie Curran were present to review the Public Works Department Budget.

Mr. Fazzalore questioned the increase in Personnel Services. Mr. Coyne replied that is in accordance with proposed new contract and also reflects a \$4,000 raise for Rosemarie Curran.

The \$20,000 for clearing was questioned. Mr. Coyne explained he does not currently have sufficient room for the chipping operation. The \$20,000 includes labor and materials needed to create a new site which Mr. Coyne will show to the Board on the road tour. Mr. Fedorchak asked Mr. Coyne to prepare a breakdown of the costs involved.

The figure for Miscellaneous Expense is increased from \$1600 to \$2000. Mr. Coyne said that is mainly the expense of conducting the road inspection tours. Mr. Fazzalore proposed reducing to one road tour per year. The \$2000 was not reduced.

Mr. Fazzalore stated no money should be spent on telephones until the whole system is replaced. The \$3,300 item for phones was reduced to \$2,000.

Mr. Coyne requested a four-wheel drive vehicle for his use. He recommends transferring his 1994 Crown Victoria to the Planning and Zoning Department. Mr. Coyne has requested a Ford Expedition stating that the lighter weight four-wheel drive vehicles create expensive maintenance problems. The vehicle could be purchased through the State Piggyback Program. \$28,000 was left in for the vehicle.

Mr. Hackman suggested the \$6,200 for Rock Hound be shifted to Park & Recreation.

Mr. Coyne stated the figure for \$19,000 for a new air compressor is to replace a thirty-year old model.

The new Mack truck will replace the 1974 model.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Coluzzi and Sergeant Bainbridge were present to review the Police Department budget.

Uniform expense was increased from \$35,000 to \$50,000 which includes fourteen replacement vests. This is based on three new officers. It was decided to hire only two new officers, so that expense can be reduced from \$9,000 to \$6,000.

Education and training was increased from \$15,000 to \$32,000. That increase is to include testing of the entire rank.

Four replacement vehicles were requested. After much discussion of how the vehicles are used, it was decided to reduce the number of vehicles to be replaced from four to three.

The next budget work session was scheduled for 5 p.m., Monday, October 30.

At 10 a.m. Mr. Fegley and Mr. Allan had to leave. Mr. Allan moved that the budgets be returned to the department heads with the recommendation to cut 10 percent from each department's budget. Mrs. Godshalk amended the motion to state that each department head should cut 5 percent from his budget. The motion carried with Mr. Hackman voting "No".

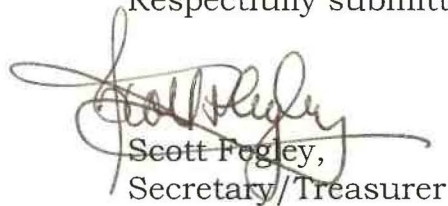
Other items discussed in the Police budget included the stealth traffic monitoring sensor, building renovations for \$50,000 and the thermal imager which is a hand-held unit to detect if someone is in the area at a cost of \$11,000. These items were not changed at this time.

Chief Coluzzi and Sergeant Bainbridge were directed to reduce their budget five percent.

Mr. Fazzalore asked what remained to be done with the 2001 Budget. Mr. Taylor told him the budgets for Sewer and General Fund still needed to be reviewed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Scott Fegley,
Secretary/Treasurer

