

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP
December 30, 2013 Approved budget minutes
6:30 PM

Call to order, silent meditation, 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; Vince Pompo, Township Solicitor.

2014 Budget Adoption – Mr. Makely stated that he will be leaving, after the budget meeting, and turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Mark Toth. Mr. Toth made a motion to adopt the 2014, December 5, 2013, budget as presented. Mr. Makely seconded. Buddy Rhoades asked the Board if the police arbitration information was included in the budget. Mrs. Moore replied that she has not received a police contract yet. Mr. Pompo stated that a panel of arbitrators met, the second week of December, and negotiated most of the items but have not issued a written decision at this time. Mr. Pompo also stated that he thinks based on the positions on both sides, that it's reasonable to say that there will be an increase of no more that 3% annually. Mr. Pompo also stated that the Board can amend the budget, at a later time, to address changes based on the police arbitration contract.

Mr. Amentas asked Mrs. Moore what the biggest contributing factors are for the \$160,000.00 increase, from 2013 to 2014. Mrs. Moore replied the new 2014 police car, account 1408.11 (MS4), and account 1408.13 (Act 537). Mr. Amentas also asked Mrs. Moore what the increase to the police budget is. Mrs. Moore replied "\$72,823.00." Mr. Amentas asked if the \$72,823.00 is based entirely on hiring a new full time police officer. Mrs. Moore replied "not entirely." Mrs. Moore also stated that she did the best should could without a police contract. Mr. Makely agreed. Mr. Amentas asked Mrs. Moore if hiring a full time police officer reduced the part time officer hours. Mrs. Moore replied that the 2013 projection was \$115,000.00 for part time officer salary, and \$65,000.00 for 2014.

Mr. Porter asked Mrs. Moore if she was supposed to have the police contract by Christmas. Mrs. Moore replied that she was told that, but it did not happen.

Mr. Toth called for a vote. Mr. Toth, Mr. Makely, and Mr. Pomorski voted yea. Mr. Amentas and Mr. Porter voted nae. Vote passed

Adjournment – Mr. Toth made a motion to adjourn the December 30, 2013 budget meeting at 6:45 PM. Mr. Pomorski seconded. Mr. Porter asked Mrs. Moore to remove him from the 2014 Supervisor payroll, and stated that he also will not accept any reimbursements from the township. Mr. Porter also stated that this will put \$2,500.00 back into the budget that will help the township. Vote: Unanimous.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller
Township Secretary