

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
October 22, 2011  
Budget Meeting  
8:31 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Amentas, Chairman; George Broadbent, Member; Gary Barach, Member; Mark Toth, Member; Denise Miller, Township Secretary; Jill Bukata, Township Manager and Treasurer. Member Chris Makely was absent.

Call to Order – Mr. Amentas called the budget meeting to order at 8:31 AM.

Approval to pay McGladrey Pullen, LLP an additional \$5,000 in fees – Mr. Amentas stated that this should be approved in a regular Board of Supervisor meeting.

2012 budget discussion – Mrs. Bukata presented the Board with the proposed 2012 budget.

Trash invoices/statement – Mrs. Bukata stated that the reason trash income has been received slower is because there was an invoice sent out at the beginning of the year and then a statement sent at the end of September. Quarterly statements were not sent. The Board did not like how only one trash statement was sent to residents and agreed to send quarterly statement out for 2012. Mrs. Bukata recommended that the 2012 trash fee stay the same at \$305.00 with a 10% making the early payment of \$274.40. If the discount was lowered to 5% it would generate an additional \$23,000.00. Mr. Barach asked Mrs. Bukata if there is an exculpation clause in the trash contract. Mrs. Bukata replied “No, it is the same for three years.”

Portnoff Law Associates – The Board directed Mrs. Bukata to send the unpaid balances to Portnoff Law Associates for collection after the ordinance is adopted at the October 25, 2011 meeting. Mr. Barach asked Mrs. Bukata to give Portnoff Law Associates the old escrow balances. Mrs. Bukata replied that some of the old escrow cannot be justified.

Non-Uniform salary Increase – Mrs. Bukata requested a 2% (\$10,000.00) or 3% (\$15,000.00) raise for the non-uniformed employees. These figures have the Township Manager/Treasurer raise also included. Mr. Amentas stated that “It is not good policy to not give a raise for two years straight.” Mr. Broadbent stated that The Federal Government is being increased by 3 ½ %. Mr. Barach told Mrs. Bukata that he would check the “Consumer price index” and provide the rate to her.

Lamb McErlane legal increase – Mr. Amentas asked Mrs. Bukata why Lamb McErlane had their legal increased. Mrs. Bukata replied that in prior years it was higher than 2011 and next year we will be negotiating a new contract with the police. Mr. Barach recommended getting counsel that will do a “cost not to exceed” fee. Mr. Amentas replied that in some cases “not to exceed” will work.

Medical plan reimbursement to non-uniformed employees – Mrs. Bukata asked that the non-uniformed employees have their medical co-pay reimbursed like the police officers do. Mr. Amentas told Mrs. Bukata that the police officers are different than non-uniform employees.

Liquid Fuels budget – Public Works Director, Barry Gathercole would like to purchase a skid steer loader and the replacement of the 1099 ford F350 with a F900 dump truck from the Liquid Fuels Fund. The Board asked Mrs. Bukata to get justification of the purchase from Mr. Gathercole.

Outside storage – The Board directed Mrs. Bukata to research outside storage facilities for the township records. Mr. Amentas made a motion to adjourn at 9:45 AM. Mr. Broadbent seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Miller  
Township Secretary

