

EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BUDGET MEETING  
Approved January 26, 2012 budget minutes

CALL TO ORDER, SILENT MEDITATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Amentas, Temporary Chairman; Ed Porter, Member; Joe Pomorski, Member. Mr. Makely and Mr. Toth were absent.

Mr. Amentas explained that the purpose of this budget meeting was to re-open the budget, and give Mr. Porter and Mr. Pomorski an opportunity to have a discussion and/or ask questions about the budget numbers. Mr. Porter asked Rosemary Moore (township bookkeeper) various questions about some of the specific budget numbers, and made several suggestions regarding ways that the township can save money in the future. Mr. Porter stated that he had done some research regarding other options for a health insurance plan, and said that there was the potential to save money by finding a more reasonably priced plan. Mr. Amentas and Mr. Pomorski also asked various questions about some of the specific budget numbers. Buddy Rhoades, Bob King and other residents made suggestions and asked questions regarding the 2012 budget. Buddy Rhoades asked about the comprehensive plan being included in the budget. Mr. Amentas had a discussion with Rosemary Moore about the budget number for earned income tax (account #01 310 20). Mrs. Moore stated that Rose Harr at Keystone Collections Group informed her that most townships calculate the average of the last four years' earned income tax revenue, in order to base their budget number for earned income tax. Mrs. Moore also pointed out that Keystone Collections Group has replaced Centax and Berkheimer as the tax collection agency, and that they have a better system in place to more efficiently and accurately collect earned income tax and local services tax. After discussion among the board members, the decision was made to set the earned income tax revenue number at \$975,000.

After discussion among the board members regarding the copier rent budget total (account #01 406 65), the decision was made to increase the budget total from \$196 to \$3,540. Mrs. Moore also stated that the township will receive a credit of approximately \$8,000 from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System ("PMRS") for the forfeiture of Jill Bukata's retirement funds that have been paid during the last 23 months. These funds were forfeited due to Jill Bukata's resignation before she was vested in the retirement plan. The \$8,000 credit for pension plan forfeitures was added to the budget as a reduction to the financial administration expense section. After discussion regarding the public works department uniforms expense total (account #01 430 220), the decision was made to reduce the budget total from \$2,000 to \$200. Once the four accounts noted above were updated, Mr. Amentas then noted that the combined budget deficit total for the General Fund and the Liquid Fuels Fund was \$168,958. Mr. Amentas made a motion to approve the budget. Mr. Pomorski seconded. Mr. Porter stated his disapproval of the budget. Vote: Unanimous.

Mr. Amentas made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Pomorski seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Moore  
Township Bookkeeper