

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP OCTOBER 26, 2011

The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, at 7:00 P. M. Those in attendance were Robert Hahn (Chairman), Lois Leonard (Vice-Chairperson), Lorreta Wilhide (Supervisor), Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary) and Todd Smith (Roadmaster).

-The board agreed to the following line item changes.

-Fire Relief Fund reduced to \$47,908.00 per Ms Leonard.

-Travel reduced to \$200.00 per Ms Leonard. Ms Wilhide thinks the amount should remain at the suggested \$400.00.

-Electric reduced to \$7,000.00 per Ms Leonard.

-Gas heating reduced to \$6,000.00 per Ms Leonard.

-Vehicle repair reduced to \$17,000.00 per Ms Leonard. Todd thinks this should be okay.

-Ms Leonard feels the storm sewer amount should be lowered from \$10,000.00 to \$8,000.00. The other two supervisors think the amount should remain at \$10,000.00.

-Mr. Hahn and Ms Leonard feel that the capital reserve transfer should be lowered from \$25,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Lorreta asked Todd for his input on the purchase of a bucket truck. The board instructed Todd to price used bucket trucks. Ms Wilhide thinks the amount should remain at the suggested \$25,000.00.

-Ms Wilhide would like to see the township reinstate primary election day as a paid holiday because it causes problems to have the office open while residents are voting. Mr. Hahn and Ms Leonard do not agree with reinstating the holiday.

-Realty Transfer Tax increased to \$80,000.00 per Mr. Hahn.

-Earned Income Tax increased by \$60,000.00 per Mr. Hahn.

-Local vehicle violations increased to \$15,000.00 per Mr. Hahn.

-Mr. Hahn questioned why the foreign fire tax distribution was so high. Ms Wilhide explained that this is a one-time event. The Department of Revenue aggressively collected the Gross Premium Tax and this effort caused the increase.

-Eye and Dental decreased to \$9,000.00 per Mr. Hahn.

-Mr. Hahn is in favor of eliminating all other fire company donations. Ms Leonard is in agreement. The proposed budget does not include donations to any other fire departments.

-Mr. Hahn stated that he would like to reduce the township millage rate. Ms Leonard agreed.

The board will review the budget after the above changes are complete.

Workshop adjourned at approximately 7:49 p.m.