

CONEWAGO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 22, 2010

The workshop was held at the Township Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, at 7:30 P. M. Those in attendance were Robert Hahn (Chairman), Lois Leonard (Vice-Chairperson), Lorreta Wilhide (Supervisor) and Lou Anne Bostic, (Secretary).

Mr. Hahn presented an ordinance that proposed the levy of an annual special fire tax of .013 in 2011. The township real estate tax rate would be reduced by this millage rate. The tax would provide an annual income to the Strinestown Community Fire Company and would remove their expenses from the township's general fund budget. Discussion followed. The fire company will continue to purchase their fuel from the township and be billed for the amount. The township will still be responsible for the payment of the fire company's unemployment compensation insurance. All lawn maintenance for 5 Fisher Drive and all snow removal at both stations will continue to be handled by the township. The Community Day Event funding will continue to be paid from the township's general fund. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Leonard, motion carried, to adopt Resolution 2010-14. Vote: Hahn-aye Leonard-aye Wilhide-nay

Jen Geesey from Central Penn Benefits presented the board with several options for health insurance policies. The board will review the information and address at the December Board of Supervisors meeting.

Budget Revenue:

Increase account 301.4 by \$5,000.00

Increase account 310.1 by \$10,000.00

Increase account 310.2 by \$25,000.00

Increase account 310.5 - Local Services Tax increase from \$35.00 to \$52.00 per person working within Conewago Township. Motion by Mr. Hahn, second by Ms Wilhide, motion carried, to increase the tax. Vote: Hahn-aye Wilhide-aye Leonard-nay

Budget Expense:

Decrease account 400.215 by \$500.00

Decrease account 400.314 by \$5,000.00. Mr. Hahn reviewed legal fees and suggested that more research be completed in house before the attorney is contacted.

Decrease account 400.340 by \$1,500.00

Remove fire company line items from budget with the exception of the workers compensation insurance payment and the community day contribution.

Increase account 431.191 by \$250.00 to cover the cost of safety shoes for the road crew.

Receipts must be presented in order to be reimbursed.

Rick Fink requested the township to include the Strinestown station in the Comcast contract internet negotiations. Ms Bostic also suggested that the sewer authority be included as well. Mr. Hahn will contact the attorney.

Ms Leonard informed the board that the electric and water service being provided to the Zion View Snack Bar needs to be disconnected from the township's service.

Ms Wilhide provided the board with information on the PLGIT Procurement Card. The board will review for the December meeting.

Ms Wilhide stated that the supervisors are receiving excessive amounts of paper copies. The other board members feel that the information needs to be provided.

The township will discontinue coffee service.

Mr. Hahn requested that the purchase of a new backhoe be included in the budget. Increase account 492.000 by \$75,000.00.

The board discussed sidewalks from Zion View to the school. Mr. Kann, Copenhaffer Road is not in favor of installing sidewalks. Sharon Beck, Copenhaffer Road does not feel that sidewalks are necessary. Ms Wilhide thinks that sidewalk installation is important. The township will send a survey to the residents along the affected portion of Copenhaffer Road and the residents in the Bennett Run and Hunter Creek Developments.

Ms Leonard asked that the road crew keep an inventory list of shop supplies.

Mr. Hahn requested input from the board regarding employee wage increases. Discussion followed. The increase will total \$.35 per hour across the board, for all employees.

Mr. Hahn requested that Gary Beck, Roadmaster, attend the December board meeting.

Ms Wilhide informed the board that the police calls within the township continue to increase.

Mr. Blitva, Hunter Creek Drive, requested that the township keep the taxpayers money in the township and stop outside contributions.

Ms Bostic was instructed to prepare the budget with the adjustments for the board to review at the December meeting.

Motion by Ms Wilhide, second by Ms Leonard, unanimously carried, to adjourn at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Bostic