

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSESSION MEETING
Wednesday, December 1, 1993
6:30PM

A. The Budget Worksession meeting was called to order by Chairman William H. Bennett at 6:30PM.

Also in attendance: Kenneth B. Bennington, Vice-Chairman
Jack C. Fox, Supervisor
Bruce G. Horrocks, Township Manager
Thomas A. Buzby, Director of Public Works
George C. Egly, Chief of Police

Discussion took place concerning the Public Works Department and the Police Department portions of the proposed 1994 budget and cuts were made in those two categories.

Chairman Bennett announced the Board will meet in Executive Session following this meeting to discuss personnel matters of the proposed 1994 budget.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Mr. John Snyder made comments relative to the D.A.R.E. Program, the cost of supplies for it, and the reimbursement for a portion of the officer's time.

Further, Mr. Snyder agreed with Chairman Bennett and Supervisor Fox with regards to the outside auditors. Mr. Snyder believes Niessen, Dunlap and Pritchard should again be retained for auditing services. Having attempted to audit the books of Hilltown Township as a former elected auditor of the Township, Mr. Snyder can well imagine the difficulties involved now that the budget is over two million dollars, and is much more complex than it was at that time. Chairman Bennett feels outside auditors is a worthwhile expense.

2. If raising taxes is proposed, Mr. Joe Miketta asked how much of a hike might be expected. Chairman Bennett replied a mill is worth approximately \$35,000.00. Mr. Miketta asked how much that might mean for an average household per year. Chairman Bennett explained a mill, on a so-called average house, is supposed to be approximately \$8.00 more per year, however personally, he has never believed that figure. Mr. Horrocks noted there are only six mills (or \$210,000.00) more that Hilltown taxes can be raised to, which is the legal cap on taxes.

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C. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Chairman Bennett, and carried unanimously, the budget worksession meeting adjourned at 8:45PM, and the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Seimes

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Township Secretary

(*These minutes were transcribed from recordings taken by Mr. Bruce Horrocks, Township Manager).