

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP
BUDGET MEETING
November 29, 1988

This budget meeting was called to order by Chairman Grunmeier at 7:00 P.M. Chairman Grunmeier announced that Mrs. Kelly is absent due to illness.

Members present were: Robert H. Grunmeier, Chairman
William H. Bennett, Supervisor

Others present were: James H. Singley, Township Manager
Chief George Egly, Chief of Police

Mr. Singley reviewed the General Fund Expenditures, referring to the 1989 Budget, List of Accounts.

The Board members present at this meeting indicated their approval of suggested amounts, with further discussion of the following accounts.

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS:

Tax Enumerator - this account deleted.

Salary, Clerical - The Board agreed to 6% increases for Township Secretary-Clerk, Linda Seimes and the Bookkeeper (part-time), Christine Morgan; with \$1800/yr. allowed for the Planning Commission secretary.

Hospitalization Insurance - through State Association of Township Officials (for full time employees). It was noted that this insurance has increased 50% in one year.

Longevity - per police contract (9 employees) and non-uniform contract (7 employees).

Payroll Services - this account deleted.

Property Insurance - Increased due to projections of new township building (includes liability).

Buildings & Plants - part time person (20-25 hrs./week) for maintenance duties.

Police Salaries: Lieut./Detective - \$37,088
Sgt. - \$32,282

Request for two new officers - to be discussed. Mr. Bennett suggested waiting for results of DCA study.

Police Salaries; Police Clerical Salaries; Officer's Holiday Pay; Buy-Back Vacation; Academic Allowance; Education; Overtime; and Cleaning Allowance -- all set by contract.

Police - Capital Purchase - HOLD.

Contribution to Fire Department - HOLD.

Discussion: Chairman Grunmeier stated that he realizes volunteer fire companies are experiencing difficulties recruiting new members and raising needed funds. Mr. Grunmeier recommended a 3 mill fire tax be levied and provided the following example:

An average home is assessed at	\$8,000
3 mill tax would equal	\$24 (or 6½¢ per day).
5 mill current tax	= \$40
Total per year	= <u>\$64</u>

Mr. Bennett stated that 3 mills would generate approximately \$90,000. Chairman Grunmeier stated that an average basic fire truck (stripped down) costs approximately \$150,000. He stated that the Supervisors should start helping the volunteer fire companies and everyone should pay their "fair share", as the volunteers must attend training schools and no longer have the time to solicit door to door. Mr. Bennett agreed.

Mr. John Snyder, President of the Hilltown Township Fire Company, stated that out of 700 letters (requesting donations) sent to Hilltown Township residents, only 225 were returned.

Mr. Jack Fox, member of the Planning Commission, stated that he believed most people would not object to the 3 mill fire tax. Mr. Dale Nyce, Telford Fire Company, also agreed. Discussion will continue at the 12/1/88 budget meeting.

Consultant for Update of Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan - Carter Van Dyke Associates, per agreement on an "as needed" basis.

Miscellaneous Expenses - \$26,000 - Mr. Singley explained that this includes escrow agreements to be paid -- these monies will be in a separate account next year.

Street Light Tax & Fire Hydrant Tax (collected by Florence Simons, Tax Collector) - payment to Mrs. Simons is taken out of General Fund due to minimal amount involved.

OTHER ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Singley reviewed the following accounts:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT - Mr. Singley stated that interest will be minimal next year due to monies in this account being expended for construction of the new township building.

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HIGHWAY AID ACCOUNT - \$142,974 Balance. Yearly allotment of \$15,050 is received for turnback roads.

TURNBACK ACCOUNT - Delete (remainder of monies transferred to Highway Aid Account).

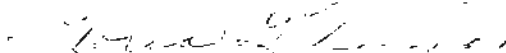
CAPITAL PURCHASE (Road Department) - Trailer for Paver \$10,000; and Lawn Mower - \$12,000.

POLICE PENSION FUND; NON-UNIFORM PENSION FUND - Foreign Casualty Insurance Program - lump sum check received from Commonwealth is distributed to these accounts.

INTEREST, FEDERAL REVENUE - will be deleted end of year.

Note: These minutes were taken from tape recordings of the meeting which occurred on 11/29/88.

Respectfully submitted,


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Township Secretary