

HILLTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
2023 WORK SESSION BUDGET MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022
3:30 PM

The advertised 2023 Work Session Budget meeting of the Hilltown Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman John B. McIlhinney at 3:32 PM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also in attendance were Vice Chairman James Groff, Supervisor Caleb Torrice, Township Manager Lorraine Leslie, Chief of Police Christopher Engelhart, and Finance Director, Marianne Egan.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: None.

3. YEAR 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET – DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:
Township Manager, Lorraine Leslie, noted there is nothing of concern in the proposed budget for 2023 but her concern is how the year ends in the amount of \$600,000.00. She followed by stating she is not uncomfortable because they can always go for a Tax Anticipation Note or draw down Operating Reserve if needed. Ms. Leslie noted she budgeted the revenues down and expenses up and reviewed the following budget items:

Public Works:

- Dump Truck - \$250,000.00
- Pick-up Truck - \$65,000.00
- Additional paving - \$100,000.00, if it is affordable

Police Department

- Tahoe - \$63,500.00
- 2 Tasers - \$3,500.00
- Computer Equipment - \$10,750.00
- Power DMS - \$5,800.00
- Suppressors - \$1,350.00
- Pepper Ball - \$2,200.00
- 4 Bullet Proof Vests - \$4,400.00

Discussion Items:

- Fire Companies and Ambulance Services – consolidation of Fire Companies, consideration of an Emergency Services Tax, addition of Grand View Hospital Ambulance
- Stimulus Funds being used for Stormwater Management, School House and Shultz Road bridges, water/sewer, and cleanup of various basins.
- 6% increase in Health Insurance
- The Accreditation Process
- \$205,000.00 Grant (written by Det. Bell) for body cameras, 2 years of Power DMS, part

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- coverage for accreditation, upgrade records management system, and hiring of a part time Police Specialist (analysis, evidence technician, secretary (as needed)).

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Torrice, and carried unanimously to authorize Chairman McIlhinney, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, to execute the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Grant in the amount of \$205,000.00. It was noted the Board of Supervisors can re-visit the items contained in the grant. There was no public comment.

- Keystone Fire Protection are to give a quote to fix the fire suppression system
- Purchase of body cameras (upgraded body cameras could be covered by the grant)
- Computers/Technology
- Remodel of the Police Station for the Detective office (in house)
- Remodel of the Police Station bathrooms with vanities and sinks (in house)
- Remodel of the men's public bathroom in the lobby with new dividers, toilets, sinks and the floor (in house)
- Furniture and cabinets for the old Sergeants Office and the new Detective Office

It was noted to cap the cost of the bathroom remodeling to \$25,000 - \$30,000.

Motion was made by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Torrice, and carried unanimously to authorize the advertisement of the 2023 Hilltown Township Proposed Budget for adoption on November 14, 2022. There was no public comment.

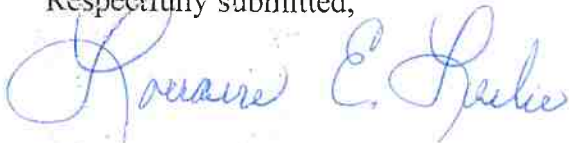
4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

5. SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: None.

6. PRESS CONFERENCE: None.

7. ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Vice Chairman Groff, seconded by Supervisor Torrice and carried unanimously, the 2023 Budget Work Session Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Lorraine E. Leslie

Township Manager/Secretary

(*NOTE: These minutes were transcribed from notes and recordings and should not be considered official until approved by the Board of Supervisors at a public meeting).