



WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 25, 2016 WORK SESSION

The written minutes are a summary of the October 25, 2016 Board of Supervisors Work Session meeting. For a complete dialog visit the Township's website, www.warringtontownship.org.

ATTENDANCE

Shirley A. Yannich, Chair; Carol T. Baker, Vice Chair; Millie A. Seliga, Member, Matthew W. Hallowell, Sr., Member, Fred R. Gaines, Member and Staff present was Barry P. Luber, Township Manager/Assistant Township Manager/CFO/Board Treasurer; Thomas Zarko, P.E., CKS Engineers; Barbara J. Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager/Board Secretary; Chief Dan Friel and Lee Greenberg, Director of Codes and EMS.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Yannich opened the meeting at 6:04 P.M. and stated all Board members were present.

WORK SESSION ITEMS:

- **2017 BUDGET**

Mr. Luber presented the General Fund and described a budget gap of \$500,000. Mr. Luber proposed measures to close the gap which includes a .5 mill tax increase to property owners. Based on the Township's average assessment, the additional tax would be \$18.12. A decrease in revenue of \$757,500 is projected from 2016 to 2017. Significant budgeted revenue and expenditures changes were reported. Ms. Yannich noted that with all the growth the Township has experienced, the Police Department is understaffed one officer and the water and sewer department is understaffed 2 employees.

Mr. Luber presented the Water and Sewer Operating Fund representing a 2017 ending fund balance of \$3.08 million. Significant budgeted revenue and expenses changes were reported which includes the addition of two new employees, one operator and one administrative assistant. The existing three tier water rate fee schedule will be changed to one water rate fee. Districts 1, 2 and 3 will pay \$4.71 per 1,000 gallons. Plus a \$15 per bill water service fee to replace the existing base water charges of \$7.70 per bill. These additional fees will be for the capital fund to fund water system improvements. A rate increase of 3% is proposed for sewer rates. Mr. Luber reported on the Air National Guard Cooperative Agreement, the amendment currently being negotiated and NWWA Forest Park Water. The capital fund and the proposed projects for 2017 were presented to the Board.

Recommended suggestions:

Ms. Yannich recommended an adjustment to the Fee Schedule for 2017 by adding a fee for land development applications.

Ms. Seliga suggested withdrawing \$200,000 instead of the projected \$270,000 from the DVHIT Rate Stabilization Fund. Ms. Seliga also suggested cutting back one paid full-time firefighter. Ms. Seliga requested researching the Homestead Tax to provide relief to residents.

After discussion on the DVHIT Rate Stabilization Fund, all Board members (except for Ms. Seliga) agreed to withdraw \$270,000 from this fund to provide additional revenue for 2017.

Mr. Luber was asked to contact Central Bucks School District regarding reimbursement for the Township's School Resource Officer.

Ms. Yannich stated voting will not occur during a work session. The budget will be approved at a public advertised Board of Supervisors meeting.

The work session did not complete the remaining funds. Therefore, the Board decided to hold another work session to be advertised and scheduled for November 22, 2016 starting at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Ms. Yannich adjourned the work session at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:


Barbara J. Livrone, Township Secretary