

On Monday, October 27, 2008, the Board of Commissioners held a special meeting to discuss the proposed 2009 Township Budget and any other business that came before the Board. The meeting was held at the Upper Pottsgrove Township Administrative Offices, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners DeLena, Dolan, Noll, Spaide and Taylor in attendance. Also present were Township Manager Jack P. Layne, Township Secretary Cynthia Saylor and Financial Consultant Matthew Dallas. Commissioner Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. There were 3 people present in the audience.

MIKLICH OPEN SPACE PURCHASE - A motion by Dolan, seconded by Spaide, to approve the purchase of the Miklich open space property. All aye votes.

A motion by DeLena, seconded by Spaide, to authorize the Township Manager and President of the Board of execute the closing documents associated with the purchase of the Mikich property. All aye votes.

FIRE FUND - The members of the Board along with Financial Consultant, Matt Dallas, briefly discussed the proposed 2009 Fire Fund Budget. It was noted that there is \$50,000 in cash reserve which is earmarked for the purchase of a new fire truck.

STATE FUND - Mr. Layne reported the Township will receive \$261,000 in revenues from PennDot for the assumption of State Street. It was noted that the revenues will be deposited in a separate fund.

SEWER FUND - Mr. Dallas reported that as of September 30, 2008, the Sewer Fund is in a deficit of approximately \$75,000. Mr. Dallas explained there was an increase of \$68,000 over what was originally budgeted towards the Township's portion of the operating expenses to the Borough of Pottstown. In addition, the engineering and legal expenses are over budgeted due to the operation and maintenance of the Regal Oaks Treatment Plant. Commissioner Taylor stated the Sewer Fund has not paid the annual \$150,000 to the General Fund for calendar years 2007 and 2008. Mr. Dallas stated the Township anticipates approximately twenty new sewer hook up's from the Summer Grove Development; however not all connections will be made as of January 2009. Commissioner DeLena suggested checking with T.H. Properties with regards to any possible new hook up's in Coddington View. Commissioner Noll expressed his concern and stated he needs documentation or a formula in order to justify the annual \$150,000 transfer from the Sewer Fund to the General Fund. It was agreed that the Public Works Director should be involved with justifying the \$150,000 transfer to the General Fund.

GENERAL FUND - The members of the Board, Acting Police Chief, Al Werner and Financial Consultant, Matt Dallas discussed the proposed 2009 Police Budget.

BUDGET MEETING - The Board agreed to hold the next Budget Meeting on Monday, November 03, 2008, at 6:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - At 8:30 P.M. Commissioner Taylor stated the Board would meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate issues with no decisions being made. The meeting reconvened at 8:43 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, a motion by Spaide, seconded by Dolan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 P.M. All aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia H. Saylor
Township Secretary