

November 10, 2016

The East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors held a Special Workshop on Thursday, November 10, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at the East Lampeter Township Office: 2250 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602. Supervisors present were Mr. Dave Buckwalter, Mr. Glenn Eberly and Mr. Corey Meyer. Mr. Ethan Demme participated via conference call. Mr. John Blowers was absent. Also present was Mr. Ralph Hutchison, Township Manager and Ms. Jeanne Glick, Finance Director.

No one signed in as being present in the audience.

Mr. Hutchison stated that the draft 2017 Township Budget has been prepared by Township staff under his direction and that it is presented to the Board for consideration and discussion which will ultimately lead to adoption at the Board's December 19, 2016 regular meeting. He indicated that the Board has been presented with a budget narrative and a budget summary.

Mr. Hutchison and Ms. Glick reviewed a major issue proposed in the 2017 General Fund Budget that relates to the funding of Police Officer Post-Retirement health insurance benefits and discussed the creation of a Fund 05 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) for the purposed of funding future police officer post-retirement health benefits. Included in Mr. Hutchison's presentation was his recommendation to raise the Township's Real Estate Tax rate from 1.73 mills to 1.90 mills for 2017. His presentation also included discussion with the Board regarding various revenue and expenditure line items including admission taxes, personnel costs, insurance costs, police vehicle purchases, contribution levels to public libraries and LEMSA.

Mr. Hutchison then continued his presentation with similar descriptions and discussions of the Sewer Fund including the proposed purchase of new camera equipment; the Capital Reserve Fund including the Bridgeport Mobility Planning Effort, the engineering design expenses for the restriping of Lincoln Highway, new radios for the Public Works Department to use on the new County radio system, radios for the one remaining fire company for reimbursement, the CV Region Park and Open Space Plan, the stormwater facility improvements for the Township complex, the design and implementation of an adaptive traffic signal system in the Route 30 corridor, the trail along Mill Creek through the Falls of Ole Mill, and the costs for three "Green Light Go" traffic signal projects; the Fire Apparatus Fund; the Parkland Capital Reserve and Improvement Fund; the Highway Aid Fund including resurfacing of Township roads, ADA improvements, replacing a dump truck bed, lease payments for the new street sweeper, and maintenance repairs to the Greenfield Road bridge over Stauffer Run; the Police Pension Fund; the Non Uniformed Pension Funds and the Insurance Benefit Fund.

At the conclusion of these discussions, Mr. Hutchison stated the authorization to advertise the draft 2017 Budget for public viewing will be on the November 14, 2016 Board of Supervisor's agenda. He indicated that the draft Budget will continue to be refined by staff as additional information becomes available up until the Budget is adopted by the Board. All such revisions will be presented to the Board prior to the December 19, 2016 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Hutchison