

HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

October 28, 2013
4:00 P.M.

Present: Councilmen Atkinson, Kovacs, Paulus, Woolley, Dreisbach; Sandra A. Pudliner; Vicky Roth

Absent: 0

Attendance: 0

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2013 Budget Meeting

Motion: I move we waive the reading of the Minutes of the October 21, 2013 Budget Meeting and accept same as presented.

Dreisbach, Atkinson: Moved and Seconded

Atkinson, Kovacs, Paulus, Woolley: Aye

Dreisbach: Abstained

Old Business:

1. Public Hearing – Continuation of Proposed 2014 Operating, Capital Reserve, Liquid Fuels, Water and Sewer Budgets (Review and Discussion)

Chairman Dreisbach opened the Public Hearing relative to the Proposed 2014 Budgets and the Board proceeded with their review of the General Fund Operating Budget at this time. At this point in the meeting, there was somewhat of a recap of the prior Budget Hearing in part for the benefit of Chairman Dreisbach who was absent from the prior hearing. There was some discussion with respect to the prior review of the Highway Department Budget and the request of the Maintenance Supervisor for consideration of the purchase of a small 4 Ton Dump Truck with Plow at an approximate cost of \$80,000. The Township Manager reiterated that in order to balance the Budget she had removed the purchase of the truck from the Budget but that after going through the budgeting process, the Board may wish to consider either reinstating that purchase or waiting until the following year. The Board would also need to consider whether or not a reduction of the current capital program would be necessary to fund the purchase.

With respect to the Board's review of the Revenue portion of the General Fund Budget, the Board determined to reduce Real Estate Prior/Delinquent from \$1,000 to \$500. Public Utility Realty Tax was reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,400. Commercial Parking Lot tax was reduced from \$135,000 to \$125,000.

With respect to the Department for Licenses and Permits, Council determined to increase Beverage Licenses from \$2,300 to \$2,900. The line item for Park Permits was increased from \$4,500 to \$5,500.

With respect to the Department for Department Earnings, there was a discussion relative to the line item for Miscellaneous Receipts/Sale of Equipment-Aerial Fire Truck in the amount of \$100,000. The Township Manager noted that should the Board determine to purchase the new 4 Ton Dump Truck, the Maintenance Supervisor had indicated that the existing truck had a trade-in value. If the purchase occurs then the Township would need to insert herein a monetary value for the sale of the existing 4 Ton Dump Truck. The Township Manager also explained to the Board that as they may recall the cost for the Municipal Pension for the employees after state aid was approximately \$2,000 per year for all Township employees. However, when the Board increased the pension contribution from 5% to 8% it appeared that the Township was receiving the same state reimbursement. The Township Manager noted that in conversations with the state she has determined that an adjustment to bring the state aid to the new higher figure will not be made until the next audit which would occur in 2014. Accordingly, after that point in time the Township should see an increase in state aid bringing the cost to the Township for all the employees back to a \$2,000 plus figure.

At this point in the meeting, the Board began the Expenditures portion of the General Fund Budget. With respect to the line item for Council Salaries, same was reduced from \$13,000 to \$12,500. Additionally, the line item for Computer Expenses was reduced from \$30,000 to \$25,000.

The Board determined to continue the public hearing on the proposed General Fund Budget until the next scheduled meeting which will be held on Monday, November 4, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.

New Business: None

Courtesy of the Floor: None.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra A. Pudliner
Township Manager