

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
October 16, 2014**

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PRESENT: Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Supervisor Tom Speck, and Daisy Lightner, Secretary/ Treasurer.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order by Chairman Quigley at 7:05 PM. Proof of publication is on file for this meeting. Supervisor Sabo entered the meeting at approximately 7:15 PM.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: No citizens were in attendance to offer citizen participation.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Board with an updated, balanced budget worksheet and a draft of the Salary Schedule Resolution for their review and discussion.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2015 General Fund, Solid Waste, and Liquid Fuels Budgets and the following items were noted and discussed:

1. The Board reviewed the proposed Recreation Board Budget account 01.457.540. This account noted an increase in the annual lease paid to the Rye Township Community Association, (RTCA) in 2015 to \$950.00.
2. The Board reviewed a draft of the proposed 2015 Salary Resolution. Approval of the Resolution will be added to the October 27, 2014 meeting agenda.
3. No increases are proposed for the commercial or residential trash fees in 2015. The Solid Waste Budget is changed slightly from the last meeting and balanced with the use of \$9,000.00 in reserve funds that were set aside to assist to prevent an increase in residential quarterly trash fees. Collection costs were higher this year with the pursuit of delinquent accounts so this line item was increased for next year. The Board anticipates reviewing the quarterly trash rates charged for the 2016 Budget since this is the second year that reserves were utilized to balance the SW fund.
4. The 2015 Budget does not anticipate any major equipment purchases.
5. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that the 2014 General Fund Budget is balanced with transfers from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$131,600. A schedule is provided with the budget to document the amounts. These monies offset large line item expenses for the Pine Hill Road Bridge replacement (Rye's 20% obligation) and Millers Gap Road culvert replacement, which were not completed this year (2014) as anticipated. The monies transferring in from the Capital Reserve were previously designated for Road projects and Bridge monies.
6. The Board discussed ways to track occupants of rental properties as a way to update the per capita tax roles and bring in a little more revenue for the fund.
7. The Board discussed charging a reduced trash rate to properties left vacant for more than a quarter since collection fees for these properties were calculated in the revenue anticipated to pay for collection. Trash collection increased from \$10,440 per month in 2014 to \$10,700 per month in 2015. The Board will discuss the legalities of this with the Solicitor at the next Board meeting.
8. Supervisor Quigley updated the cost of Road paving projects proposed for 2015 at \$105,000. Roads under consideration for paving are: Lee Drive, Woods Drive and the eastern end of New Valley Road west to Cold Springs Road.

The 2015 State Liquid Fuels monies are estimated to rise in 2015 to slightly over \$100,000. Ten Thousand Dollars of General Fund monies are budgeted to assist with payment of the road paving in 2015.

9. It was the consensus of the Board to tentatively approve the proposed 2015 Budget and authorize advertisement for the required 20 day public review at the October 27th board meeting. No tax increases are proposed. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would review the final numbers and add this item to the October Board agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Secretary/Treasurer received a request from the owner of 111 Idle Road to defer trash payments stating he was a missionary to Costa Rica and not living in this residence very often. He anticipates a rental occupant in the dwelling by March/April of 2015. The contact number to reach the owner was a Newport Borough number, which lists as his residence along with his wife, Mary. This residence has never paid any trash bill to date. Currently, fees for two quarters of 2014 totaling \$100.00 are due. The Board advised the Refuse Ordinance does not provide for exemptions of trash fees.

Upon due consideration, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to not forgive the past trash bills for the owner of 111 Idle Road and instruct him to pay the two quarters due. He is invited to provide proof to the Board of his absence going forward. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS: Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Speck to adopt **Resolution 14-27**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer General Savings monies from the money market at Bank of Landisburg in the amount of \$304,490.13 to a short term 11 month Municipal Easy Access investment CD at First National Bank of Mifflintown, Shermans Dale for better rate of investment return. (.65%) Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Speck made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to adopt **Resolution 14-28**, which authorizes the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer \$9,000.00 from the Solid Waste share of the money market account at the Bank of Landisburg to a short term CD at the First National Bank of Mifflintown in the Capital Reserve Fund in anticipation for use in the 2015 Solid Waste Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to adopt **Resolution 14-29**, which accepts the funding and authorizes the signers of Agreement 089892 as the Chairman of the Board with the Secretary/Treasurer to attest on behalf of the Board for the construction of the Pine Hill Road bridge replacement project. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: The Secretary/Treasurer presented check number 14582 in the amount of \$2,500.00 to transfer from the General Fund to a short term CD at the First National Bank of Mifflintown designated for the 250th Year celebration per the 2014 Budget. Upon due consideration, Chairman Quigley made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sabo to approve and sign check #14582. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: Chairman Quigley made a motion and Supervisor Sabo seconded to adjourn the budget meeting at 8:43 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer