

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
October 21, 2015**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Ken Quigley, Vice-Chairman Jim Sabo, Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer and Catherine Sabo.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order by Chairman Quigley at 6:45 PM. Proof of publication is on file for this meeting. A quorum of the Board was established.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** Catherine Sabo asked about line item account 01.487.161 Payroll Taxes. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that this budget line item includes 7.65% of the total salaries projected for 2016 for Medicare and social security plus costs for unemployment at 5.5% compensation for all salaries up to \$9,000. Costs for unemployment have and are anticipated to decrease. She also asked how expenses such as health insurance are allocated in the Solid Waste Fund. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that a portion of the cost is required to be allocated to the Solid Waste Fund. Following the annual audit by the CPA, a final journal entry determines the end of year figure for the insurances and pension expense allocated to the Solid Waste Fund.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Board with an updated, balanced budget worksheet for their review and discussion.

The Board reviewed and discussed a draft of the proposed 2016 General Fund, Solid Waste, and Highway Aid Budgets and the following items were noted and discussed:

1. The Secretary/Treasurer reviewed the proposed distribution for the tax levy for Rye Township at .90 mills. A slight change to increase by .01 the distribution to the Ambulance and decrease the road equipment monies proportionally is proposed. The change in tax levied on these two items does not increase the overall tax millage of .90.
2. The Board reviewed the proposed Recreation Board Budget account 01.457.540. This account noted a substantial increase in their budget to account for the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration event in 2016.
3. The Board discussed the Solid Waste Budget. A (\$2) two dollar increase per quarter is proposed for residential trash fees in 2016 with a \$10 per quarter increase in all Commercial trash accounts per quarter.
4. The 2016 Budget does not anticipate any major equipment purchases.
5. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that the 2016 General Fund Budget is balanced with transfers from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$200,560. A schedule is provided with the budget to document the amounts. The monies transferring in from the Capital Reserve were previously designated for Road projects and the 250<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Celebration to be held in 2016.
6. Supervisor Quigley updated the estimate for the cost of the paving project proposed for 2016 for Pine Hill Road to \$150,000. Supervisor Quigley anticipates resurfacing the entire roadway from the northern boundary south to the new bridge approach with base repair on several sections of the road. The small portion of roadway near SR 850 is not included in the proposed paving.

Quigley recommends the payment for the costs for this entire Pine Hill Road resurfacing project be paid with monies in the Highway Aid Fund.

Other roads under consideration for paving with costs expended from the General Fund are: the re-crowning of a small portion of Maranatha Drive and tar and chip for .25 of a mile on Dutch Cemetery Road.

7. 01.459.540- the contribution to the Perry County Council of the Arts was eliminated.
8. 01.492.30 Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund anticipates future expense for upgrade of the computer accounting/payroll software in the year 2017.
9. The Secretary/Treasurer noted that cost for salt through the Costars program is approximately \$76.00 per ton, which equates to \$1,900 per 25 Ton tri-axle load of salt. The cost for anti-skid is anticipated to increase the beginning of January 2016. Supervisor Quigley indicated he would speak with Road Foreman Brad Sloop to possibly find space to stockpile additional anti-skid at 2015's cost of \$10.20 per ton picked up.
10. It was the consensus of the Board to tentatively approve the proposed 2016 Budget for all Funds presented and authorize advertisement for the required 20 day public review at the October 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting. No tax increase is proposed. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would review the final numbers and add this authorization for advertisement to the October Board meeting agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Secretary/Treasurer asked the Board what their desire is for a Certificate of Deposit that matures next week. First National Bank of Mifflintown currently has an 8.25 year CD for 2.10%. This is a good rate, but a very long term. The Board agreed to place the monies from the matured General Fund CD into the 8.25 year CD. If interest rates rise significantly in the future, the monies can always be withdrawn taking the penalties imposed and transferred into the better rate CD. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would prepare a Resolution memorializing the transfer for adoption at the October 26, 2015 board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** With no further business before the Board, Chairman Quigley adjourned the budget meeting at approximately 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer