

**RYE TOWNSHIP
SUPERVISORS' BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
October 20, 2016**

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

The meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order by Chairman Quigley at 6:40 PM.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: None was offered.

BUDGET WORKSHOP:

The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Board with an updated, balanced 2017 budget worksheet for their review and discussion.

The Board reviewed and discussed a draft of the proposed 2017 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. There is no increase in the millage or distribution of the millage.
2. The 2017 Budget anticipates the purchase of a new dump truck at ~ \$125,000. Sale of the old truck and the sale of the 1977 grader equal the amount of revenue anticipated and listed in the sale of fixed asset account at \$11,500.00.
3. The Secretary/Treasurer explained that the 2017 General Fund Budget is balanced with transfers from the Capital Reserve in the amount of \$136,300. A schedule is provided with the budget to document the amounts. The monies transferring in from the Capital Reserve were previously designated in CDs for Road Equipment purchase and for upgrades to the computer/software in the office.
4. 01.409.600 The Board is requesting an estimate for possibly repainting of the original Township building, which has never been painted since its construction in 1982-83. The Secretary/Treasurer will contact Keith Peck's Painting for an estimate.
The Board also discussed replacing the propane heater in the meeting room with a ductless, wireless heat pump system. Chairman Quigley will contact Herb Berger for an estimate.
5. The Secretary/Treasurer explained the Highway Aid Budget for 2017. Supervisor Quigley reviewed the estimate for the cost of the paving project proposed for 2017 for Cove Hill Road and a small section of Sites Circle at \$77,000 and found it reasonable. Supervisor Quigley anticipates resurfacing the entire roadway of Cove Hill Road with some repairs to the base and drainage ditches included. A small portion of Sites Circle beginning at the intersection of SR 850 to the first stop sign at Lambs Gap Road is also included in the proposed paving to repair several areas that need base repair and then paved.
6. 01.436.215 includes the replacement of 8 pipes along Mountain Road.
7. 01.438.450 anticipates a contractor to patch of the areas on Mountain Road excavated during the pipe replacement.
8. 01.439.01 anticipates the paving materials for repair of Mountain Road.

9. 01.492.30 Transfer to Capital Reserve Fund in 2017 anticipates future expense for bridge/culvert projects, since the Board recently spend down the bridge reserves with the Pine Hill Road Bridge and the Millers Gap Road culvert and to set aside funds for anticipated future Stormwater expenses.
10. The Secretary/Treasurer noted that cost for salt through the Costars program is decreased from \$76.00 per ton, which equates to \$1,875 per 25 Ton tri-axle load to \$61.99 of salt, which is \$1,550 per truckload. The cost for anti-skid is anticipated to decrease slightly the beginning of January 2017. Supervisor Quigley indicated he would speak with Road Foreman Brad Sloop to possibly schedule the pick-up of several loads of anti-skid at 2016's cost.
11. The Board reviewed the 2015 Fee Schedule and proposed slight increases to several permit fees. Establishing a separate fee for a commercial business that wishes to request a hearing or variance before the ZHB was discussed. The Board directed the Secretary to check with the Solicitor.
12. The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2017 Salary Schedule. This schedule will be on the agenda for adoption following the tentative adoption of the proposed 2017 Budget for public review for at least 20 days.

With due consideration, it was the consensus of the Board to tentatively approve the proposed 2017 Budget for all Funds presented and authorize advertisement for the required 20 day public review at the October 24th board meeting. The Secretary/Treasurer indicated she would acquire the estimate for painting the original section of the municipal building for the Capital Construction account, review final numbers, and add the authorization for advertisement of the proposed Budget to the October 24, 2016 Board meeting agenda.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: With no further business before the Board, Chairman Quigley adjourned the second 2017 budget meeting at approximately 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer