

**RYE TOWNSHIP  
SUPERVISORS' BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING  
October 31, 2024**

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**PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Sabo, Vice-Chairman Sean Fedder, Supervisor Brad Sloop, and Secretary/Treasurer Daisy Lightner.

**FORMER SUPERVISOR PRESENT:** John Schulze (*He did not sign the attendance sheet provided, but was present.*)

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:** None was offered at this time or throughout the meeting.

This third budget workshop meeting was held at the municipal building and called to order at 6:31 PM by Chairman Jim Sabo.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP:** The Secretary/Treasurer provided the Board with hard copies of an updated draft of the balanced budget for the General Fund, Solid Waste Fund, and the Liquid Fuels Fund. The Budget proposes no increase in the tax levy for 2025. The millage remains at .900 mills. The total budget proposed for each fund follows and shows the comparison with the 2024 Budget:

| <u>2024 Budget</u> | <u>Fund</u>       | <u>2025 Budget</u> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| \$ 961,325         | General Fund      | \$ 1,048,260       |
| \$ 259,975         | Solid Waste Fund  | \$ 266,900         |
| <u>\$ 167,000</u>  | Liquid Fuels Fund | <u>\$ 167,384</u>  |
| \$1,388,300 T      |                   | \$1,482,544 T      |

All revisions discussed at the October 24, 2024 Budget workshop were incorporated into the proposed 2025 Budget.

Discussion ensued on the proposed 2025 Budget for all funds. Highlights noted below.

**Highlights from Discussion on the proposed Budgets**

- There were no revisions recommended to the Highway Aid Fund since the October 24, 2024 budget workshop.
- The General Fund budget increase is mainly attributed to additional costs anticipated for the engineering and repair of the Heisley Road culvert and the payment for purchase and delivery of the tractor/mower.
- The Capital Equipment purchase of the tractor/mower was moved from the 2024 Budget to the 2025 Budget with the delay of production and delivery. The order for the tractor/mower was placed in 2024 and the funds obligated for this purchase. A purchase order is on file and ARP monies are dedicated to pay for this Capital purchase in 2025.
- Monies were budgeted in the General Fund for the Comprehensive Plan update that was not completed in 2024. The Planning Commission and Board may be considering participation in the County-wide Comp Plan called, "Picture Perry."
- The Solid Waste Fund expenditures increased due to contract increases. The contract with Penn Waste calls for an additional 2% increase in 2025 to \$18,031 per month.

- Solid Waste Revenues are calculated on a \$3.00 per quarter increase for all rate categories. Commercial rates will increase at graduated rates of \$10, \$15 and \$20 respectively.
- A new rate category was added for residents who desire two cans for residential collection at double the residential rate or \$118.00 per quarter.
- Reserves will be transferred at year end to balance the Solid Waste Fund.
- Penn Waste agreed to extend the cardboard recycling/hauling contract an additional two years. This item will be on the November 12, 2024 meeting agenda for consideration of approval.
- **NOTE:** The contract with Penn Waste for weekly trash collection expires 12/31/2025.

With no further questions or discussion, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to direct the Secretary/Treasurer to prepare an advertisement for public review and comment of the proposed 2025 Budget to add to the agenda for the November 12, 2024 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

When approved, the draft of the 2025 budget will then be announced and available for more than the required twenty (20) day public review period with final adoption anticipated at the December 17, 2024 board meeting. A draft copy will also be sent via email to residents and posted on the Township website following the approval at the November meeting and the publication of the advertisement in the local newspaper.

The Secretary/Treasurer acknowledged and indicated she would make final formatting revisions to prepare the proposed budgets for public review and comment and prepare the required advertisement and a draft of the 2025 Budget for approval at the November 12, 2024 supervisors' meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** With no further business or discussion before the Board, Chairman Sabo made a motion with a second from Supervisor Sloop to adjourn the final budget workshop meeting at approximately 6:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daisy Lightner, Secretary/Treasurer