

Minutes of the Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners Workshop

5:00 p.m. – October 14, 2020

Persons Present:

Daniel E. Rooney, President
John J. Luciani, Vice-President
Thomas Gwilt, Commissioner
Annette Clark, Commissioner

Marcy L. Krüm-Tinsley, Township Manager
Krista Gardner, Chief Financial Officer
George Swartz, Police Chief

President Commissioner Daniel Rooney welcomed everyone to the Workshop. The Workshop was held via Zoom.

1. *Call to Order*

A. **Budget**

The budget workshop consisted of reviewing the real estate tax increases from 2019 (0.25mil), 2020 (0.5mil), and the proposed for 2021 (0.25mil). These were previously planned to accommodate the debt service for the municipal complex construction project. Commissioner Clark calculated a 30% increase in taxes since 2017.

The initial budget concept (draft) showed a deficit of approximately \$587,000 deficit.

The following topics were discussed to provide additional budget direction with the hope of reducing the gap between revenues and expenses as well as for operational efficiencies and general information: Comprehensive Plan reduced by \$40,000, no recreation programming for 2021, remove community relations liaison, remove part-time administrative assistant, half year wages and benefits for probationary officer, include recreation survey, maintain stormwater projects that did not occur in 2020 in the 2021 budget, contractual obligation such as 3.5% wage increase for police union and \$0.65 hourly increase for public works employees, 2021 negotiations for collective bargaining unions, 1% non-union wage increase, 2% executive wage increase, utilize 50% of estimated potential sick leave pay-out for 2021, contracting rental inspections, combining duties of code enforcement with zoning, benefits/accounting coordinator full-time status in 2021, deputy chief wage overlap and executive search service, and the medical insurance increase of 8%.

Proposed sewer budget the following were discussed: sewer construction projects, and equipment purchase. Liquid Fuels budget will be reviewed at next committee meeting.

B. **Other**

No additional business was discussed.

II. *Adjourn*

Workshop was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Marcy L. Krüm-Tinsley
Manager, Secretary, Treasurer