

BUDGET WORK SESSION

October 27, 2009

A Budget Work Session of the Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at the Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA at 9:00 AM for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2010 Preliminary Budget. Chairman Joseph J. Palmer was present with Supervisors Brian W. Young, Anthony F. Greco, William L. McKernan III, and Adam D. Zucker. Assistant Township Manager/Township Engineer Roman M. Pronczak, Director of Finance John Marcarelli, Fire Marshal David Camarda, and Director of Public Works Ronald J. Cione were also present. Township Manager Phyllis C. Lieberman was absent. There was one member of the public present.

Mr. Camarda presented an overview of the Fire Marshal's budget and indicated that the only proposed change in the personnel category is to elevate one of the paid firefighters to a rank of captain. This would provide supervisory controls that do not currently exist. Mr. Palmer expressed concern regarding the current relationship between the paid and volunteer firefighters and indicated that it may be necessary to reconsider the current organizational structure.

Mr. Camarda also presented the Computer Information Services budget and indicated that significant savings have been realized in this department due to the selection of a new IT consultant and a change in how IT issues are dealt with internally. Mr. Camarda added that his role in this area is diminishing and that Nicole Godson is handling additional responsibilities.

Mr. McKernan requested that a summary of all personnel costs by department be provided.

Mr. Cione summarized the Public Works Department budget and discussed current vacancies in his department. Mr. Cione indicated that there is currently a vacant position that was approved in the 2009 budget but was not filled. Additionally, another employee in the department was just placed on permanent disability. The Supervisors agreed that the disabled employee could be replaced now; however, the other vacant position would be removed from the 2010 budget.

Mr. Young questioned the increase in street pavement supplies and Mr. Cione explained that an additional \$100,000 is being requested to compensate for the reduction of liquid fuel funding and to help get the paving program back to a normal cycle. Mr. Cione also indicated that road repairs or resurfacing in areas where sewer repairs were made are being charged to the Sewer Fund.

Mr. Cione indicated that slight reductions in the part-time wages for building maintenance personnel could be considered, but it was decided that the appearance of the facilities needed to be maintained.

It was determined that there was insufficient time to review the Sewer Fund budget and that Mr. Cione would return to the next meeting.

At approximately 11:30 AM the Budget Work Session was adjourned.

Roman M. Pronczak, P.E.
Whitpain Township Engineer/
Assistant Township Manager