

Marion Township Supervisor's Budget Meeting October 17, 2016 at the Township Building

Present: Archie Gettig Jr., Herbert Chapman, John R. Dillon and Angel Emery

Guests: Brian McCauley (Tax Collector) and Ken Roan

Chairman Gettig called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gettig asked if there was any public comment, there was none.

The BOS was provided with Balance Sheets and profit and loss reports for all accounts. Also provided were profit and loss comparisons for the past five years, a profit and loss of the budget vs. actual spending and the past five years final budgets.

The park fee in lieu of account has \$4,311.75 currently, the BOS is looking to use those monies for electric to the big pavilion, work on the parking lot and work on the water line. They are also looking into a level spot for a soccer field but are waiting on grant information for that. Discussion has also been held about placing a sign at the park between the two entrances.

Gettig doesn't feel there will be any big equipment purchases in 2017. The liquid fuels amount is currently \$54, 209.42. Foot Hills signs need updated as well as a few others according to Gettig.

The 2016 final budget was reviewed for changes to be made for 2017.

Emery presented codification information received from Rod Beard with a proposal of \$9,350 total cost for codifying.

Gettig feels snow/ice amounts need to be increased for the upcoming year as well as the budget for street signs. Possible paving was discussed but Gettig was not able to get an estimate from Matt Knepp in time for our budget meeting.

The BOS would like \$7,000 budgeted in the state account for anti-skid and salt. An increase of \$400 for street signs and \$300 under salaries for street sign work was suggested by the BOS.

Gettig would like to increase contracted services for repairs of tools and machinery to \$2,500. Also an increase of \$600 to road supplies will be applied.

Discussion was held about possibly closing in one of the entrances at the township building, \$500 will be added to building supplies for the project.

Park salaries were over budget but it was because the pavilions were finished this year. Dillon would like to have the park salaries at \$8,000. Other park accounts will stay the same as 2016.

Newsletter expenses were briefly discussed. Discussion was tabled until January. Discussion about the township running their own website was also held, as well as creating a Facebook page for Marion Township.

The CPA amount will be slightly increased to cover any possible increase in what the firm charges. Gettig questioned our elected auditor's pay, Emery told him the elected auditors have not been paid since she started working here. Gettig wants to look into the matter.

Dillon wants to increase the tax collector commission on the budget to \$3,200. Dillon also think the solicitor budget should be increased to \$1,000 for 2017.

A slight increase will be applied to advertising costs to make it \$700.

Emery will add some to secretary's conventions to cover the PSATS conference.

The cost of heating fuel was discussed and it was decided to increase that account to \$2,000.

Brief discussion was held about spraying foam insulation to help hold heat in the building. Chapman thinks it would be beneficial and cut back on heating costs. Emery will put it on the November agenda for discussion at the BOS meeting.

Gettig mentioned that he thinks Walker Township would like to meet with Marion Township to discuss fire protection. Gettig thinks the township should look at the quickest response time.

All income accounts will be marginally increased to compensate for new homes being built in the township. Emery and Dillon held a brief discussion about what accounts the monies went in and out of for the sale and purchase of equipment that took place in 2016. Dillon would like to see the revenue account be \$200,000.

The Board would like to hold a brief meeting before the November Board of Supervisors meeting. **On a motion by Gettig and second by Dillon, motion passed to have a short budget meeting before Board of Supervisors meeting on November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. 3-0** Emery will advertise for the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Angel Emery, Secretary/Treasurer

Archie Gettig Jr., Chairman

Herbert Chapman, Vice Chairman

John R. Dillon, Supervisor