

## **NOVEMBER 20, 2017 SUPERVISOR'S SPECIAL MEETING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET**

The Polk Township Supervisors met for a Special Meeting to review the proposed budget for 2018 on Monday November 20, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Municipal Building, 165 Polk Twp. Rd., Kresgeville, PA. Supervisors Brian K. Ahner, Michael D. Hurley, Carl S. Heckman, Engineer Russell R. Kresge, Jr., Zoning/Codes Officer Gerald Zurat & Treasurer Beverly A. Christman were present.

The Special Meeting had been advertised in the Pocono Record on November 13, 2017. The 2018 budget summary with supporting tables was available for review.

Resident Vincent Morello asked if some of the funds remaining from the year 2017 could be used to repair more of the roads? Ahner replied that the Liquid Fuels Account must retain 20% yearly to buy new road equipment; therefore, some of the retainage is from previous years not yet utilized. Roads to be paved are not determined until after the winter season, since there is no way of knowing the amount of salt, etc. that will be needed. Carl noted that the additional funds are in an interest-bearing accounts and Christman stated Liquid Fuels Money is in a PLIGIT account to gain interest. Morello asked if the Township receives funding from the States Gambling Bill that was passed? Ahner stated the gambling funds are LSA grants and the Township has been awarded LSA grants in the past for 2 bridges. A DCNR Grant application will be submitted to develop the park. Morello noted that the LSA grants are given for numerous other items. The Board agreed they would look into LSA funding for improvements needed at the Township building, including the pouring of concrete floors at the pole building.

Times News Reporter Judy Kramer asked which line item represented wages? Christman replied line items 400 & 430 include items related to employee costs. Kramer asked if a millage increase will be needed? The millage will remain at 4.3%. Kramer asked if any major road expenditures are planned? Ahner stated he is looking into the cost of a new Tiger and a roller, but there is no specific plan, since the equipment is currently in working order.

Harold Touni asked if allowances for roadcrew raises & benefits were included and was a profit and loss sheet prepared and if the line items are broken down for review by the public? Line 430 includes public works, fuels, repairs, general services, maintenance, etc. Touni asked about the 7% of taxes that are uncollectable? Christman replied that is the current amount, but it could change. The line items are determined from actual expenditures and projected expenditures.

As there were no more questions, Ahner noted that changes can be made to the proposed budget during the review time. The Special Meeting to review the Proposed Budget for 2018 concluded at 6:48pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Ruthanne Toner  
Secretary