

Budget Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2018

Budget meeting was convened at 6:02pm. President Connolly called the meeting to order. In attendance were President Connolly, Vice-President Troxell and Commissioner Boudier. Staff attending included: Manager Fossellman, Director of Fire Services Ibberson, Police Chief Reider, Maintenance Specialist Orth and Assistant Manager Kaufman.

President Connolly turned over the meeting to Vice-President Troxell as the Finance Chair. Vice-President Troxell then called on Director of Fire Services Ibberson to present the Fire Services Budget.

(Commissioner Zubeck joined the meeting at 6:05pm)

Fire Budget

Chief Ibberson provided a brief historical overview of fire services and presented the budget for 2019. There were a few questions regarding specific line items particularly directed to line items where there were proposed increases from the current year. Chief Ibberson answered the questions. Chief Ibberson explained a proposed incentive plan to encourage participation by volunteer fire personnel. Chief Ibberson also explained cost reductions to the EMA line item. There were no changes from the proposed budget as presented.

(Commissioner Varner joined the meeting at 6:13pm)

Vice President Troxell thanked Chief Ibberson for his presentation as well as the 15 year plan that had been prepared.

Recreation Program Budget

Mr. Orth provided a historical overview of the recreation programs and their organization and subsequent growth and expansion over time. There was a presentation of the proposed 2019 budget. Attention was drawn to a few items where increases were noted, including the acquisition of vehicles and related equipment that will be leased by the Township with a purchase option at the conclusion of the lease.

There were minor questions with none resulting in any change to the proposed budget.

Police Budget

Chief Reider presented the proposed budget for 2019. This included the Department's five-year plan and budget line items for the coming year. There was a discussion of the plan to integrate fire services into active shooter incidents and the associated training needed. Also discussed was the immediate plan to add three additional officers and increase enforcement of controls on overweight and unsafe trucks in the Township. Additional discussion included contracts with neighboring municipalities to provide services and the K9 program.

Debt Service and Ambulance Fund

These two items were briefly presented by Manager Fossellman. There were general questions particularly regarding the bond issues that had previously been issued by the Township.

Meeting concluded at 8:04.