SHENANGO TOWNSHIP – SPECIAL TOWNSHIP BUDGET MEETING @ TWP BLDG PAGE 1 APPROVED MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 3, 2023 6:30PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Tom Hubert and opened with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:30pm.

Supervisors present: Scott Malenky, Tom Hubert, Mike Weiser & Dale Perry. Jim Stewart was absent. Secretary Gina Smith, Police Chief Jason Newton, Fire Chief Justin Barnes & Road Foreman Dan Rupert were present.

Comments from Residents/Taxpayers of Shenango Township: None

Supervisor Tom Hubert started off with a motion to accept the bid for a Costars Vendor records management system for the Police Department which includes licensing and software in the amount of \$41,111, seconded by Mike Weiser. Chief Jason Newton explained that the current system being used is 9 years old and is becoming outdated. Tom Hubert did have a chance to speak with other officers using the software and it is a good system. All votes yes. Motion Carried.

Tom Hubert started off by thanking department manager personnel Chief Newton, Chief Barnes, Dan Rupert and Gina Smith for keeping the township on track with the spending. Chairman Hubert said that we have stayed under Budget in the previous years. Supervisors started off by reviewing the proposed Budget line-by-line with Chief Jason Newton, Fire Chief Justin Barnes, & Road Foreman Dan Rupert.

Mike Weiser stated that the Marcella Shale Funds are expected to drop going forward but this year we actually received over the amount budgeted for 2023. Culvert Pipe balances needed looked into and Police Wages will increase with the police protection at the Borough as well as the school police protection. Hall Rental should be looked at and possibly change some rates. Tom Hubert discussed that two grants are on the agenda to be applied for, (1) Hogback and (2) COG Park.

Tom Hubert announced that there will be an executive session after the meeting to discuss salaries for 2024. Tentatively, Tom raised the salaries to 3% to be discussed on all non-union employees(secretaries, tax collector, and custodian).

Mike Weiser brought up new roofing for the fire station, police station and road department as there are some leaks that need taken care of. The supervisors will need to look into taking care of a fix for those issues. Tom Hubert suggested getting bids for those 3 parts of the building.

Police Chief, Jason Newton spoke and said nothing seems to be out of the order other than a few minor adjustments mainly some overtime.

Tom Hubert stated that Fire Chief Justin Barnes has been given reimbursement on mileage as he is using his own personal vehicle taking care of the emergency runs.

The supervisors talked about paying off the peterbuilt truck with the equipment allotment from liquid fuels. Secretary, Gina Smith to look into what would be left for a possible payoff from liquid fuels to look into purchasing a new truck for the road department.

The Township needs to think about setting funds aside for any future blight in the township. Secretary, Gina Smith spoke with Zoning Officer, Jeff Richardson if he foresees any properties that would potentially be on the list for demolition. There is (1) on the list.

Dale Perry found it necessary to put money aside for Training for all Supervisors. Tom Hubert & supervisors Scott Malenky & Mike Weiser decided \$1500 dollars would be a good amount to start with but noted that all training needs to be approved before attending.

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Tom Hubert stated that the Grant Writing did not work out so there will be no line in the budget for that going forward.

Adjournment:

Motion by Dale Perry, seconded by Mike Weiser to adjourn. All votes yes. Motion carried.