

(243) MINUTES OF BUDGET MEETING - OCTOBER 26, 2017

Present: Mr. Baker, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Dougherty. Mr. Cummings, Mr. Grady and Ms. Swan were also present. Mr. O'Connor arrived at 8:05pm. The Board discussed 2018 budget items as follows:

- The Board asked the staff to check on history of comp time payouts to see if that line item can be reduced from \$56,000.
- It was noted the administrative staff, the police administrative staff, Darryl and Mike from the PWD and Rich Haywood are all at 3.5% over 2017.
- The Board agreed to reduce the SMFC contribution by \$9,600 so it is the same amount as 2017.
- It was noted the GCFC truck purchase will not impact the 2018 budget so all costs have been removed except a nominal amount for advertising, etc.
- It was noted the current year end General Fund projection is \$273,000.
- The Board discussed the fund balance allocation and eventually agreed to reduce the \$300,000 by \$100,000 leaving \$200,000 in that category.
- Action on the Furness Library request will be deferred until all Board members can comment and decide (HKFL is asking for a \$10,000 increase from 2017).
- It was noted we are still waiting for \$175,000 from DCNR for purchase of Summit School. However, the utility revenue line will be reduced by \$22,000.
- The Parks Commission requested \$4,000 for 8 signs @ \$500 each. The Board agreed to reduced that item to \$500 knowing signs and other items can be purchased from the Parks Capital fund. Approving \$4,000 for the purchase of signs is to be discussed later. The Board asked to see the exact locations.
- Under Sewer Fund, the Board noted large increases by both CDCA and DELCORA. It was noted DELCORA's amount is an exact amount as this is for 2017 while CDCA's amount is an estimate for 2018 which will be finalized in mid to late November. A decision on setting a unit rate was deferred until then.
- Arbitration – The Board agreed to reduce this line from \$25,000 to \$15,000 although it was acknowledged the police contract expires at the end of 2018.
- The Board agreed to reduce the Township Building utility cost item by \$5,000 to \$9,950.
- The Police Chief will be asked if drug forfeiture funds can be used to purchase one or both pick-up trucks proposed for purchase in 2018. Discussion focused on the need for 2 pick-up trucks noting we save money on cage and other equipment transferred from Charger to Charger.
- The Board questioned why the District Court fines are so low (the Chief will be asked about this).
- They also noted tickets were down noting the 2017 budget is \$29,000 and it appears we may only hit \$20,000 and thought it may increase with the new TSO.
- The Board agreed to raise the RE Transfer line from \$400,000 to \$440,000.
- It was noted we are still waiting of the aggregate RE assessment amount from the County (expected by mid-November) and this is a major factor in determining the millage rate.