

***TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR  
Minutes of Public Meeting of October 15, 2012***

*The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 6:30 PM in the Radnorshire Room in the Radnor Township Municipal Building, 301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087*

***Commissioners Present***

*William Spingler, President*

*Elaine P. Schaefer, Vice President*

*Donald Curley*

*Kevin G. Higgins*

*John Fisher*

*James C. Higgins*

*John C. Nagle*

***Also Present:*** *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; William White, Finance Director; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Stephen Norcini, Director of Public Works, Tammy Cohen, Director of Recreation; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to Township Manager.*

*President Spingler called the meeting to order and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.*

***Presentation of the 2013 Township Manager Recommended and Preliminary Budget***

Mr. Zienkowski started by thanking the Board of Commissioners for their time spent these past 10 months reviewing and analyzing the Township's Operations and the Financial Position the Township is currently situated in. Copies of the Budget are available on the Township website or CD's that can be picked up at the Township Building. If anyone needs a printed copy, please let his office know and they will provide a hard copy or if you would like to come in and review the document, they will provide you with a space in this building for you to review.

He also thanked all staff for assistance in the development of the budget. He thanked Department Heads for their hard work, effort & extensive amount of time put into their respective departmental budgets which includes numerous late evenings and weekends.

Mr. Zienkowski thanked CARFAC for their talent, experience & expertise and the time that they have put in as volunteers. He discussed decisions of the past will make it difficult now, and into the future, without real and meaningful change in how the Township operates and how and to what level it provides services. The Township cannot repeat this process of ignoring the problem or continue to push the problem down the road for someone else to deal with, which only perpetuates itself further, but may also compromise the long term health and sustainability of Radnor Township.

He also discussed consolidation of Township owned properties, Feasibility to withdraw from Delaware County and attach to Montgomery or Chester County and to require RHM and Delaware County Solid Waste Authority to appear in front of the Board of Commissioners to explain their Operations & Budgets.

Mr. White, Finance Director – Gave a brief summary of the contents in the proposed Preliminary 2013 Budget. He discussed 2013 Fund Totals, Revenue Assumptions, Expenditure Assumptions and Forecast Summary.

Tammy Cohen, Director Recreation and Community Programming Department, Kevin Kochanski, Director Community Development; Steve Norcini, Director Public Works, William Colarulo, Superintendent Police and William White, Director Finance presented each of their Departments proposed 2013 budgets. They discussed the composition of their budgets, department distinctions and impact issues.

**Commissioner Comments and Discussions**

Commissioner Schaefer – Wanted to recognize the time and hard work placed in the preparation of the budget. The proposed tax increase of 1.4% would be an estimated under \$20 per year for 90% of the residents.

Commissioner K. Higgins – Inquired for clarification on a few line items in the budget such as the increase in Business Privilege Tax, incremental Police fines, Sulpizio Gym, premium payments of employee contributions to offset healthcare cost.

Commissioner Curley – Recognizes that costs have gone up. Does not think that big ticket items should be included, he does believe that the debt is being paid down. He is uncomfortable with the parking fine increase, would like thought given to the timing of the officers, he is unfavorable to advertising on kiosks.

Mr. Zienkowski responded that there is a lateral list ready to go to the hiring of officers and at the end of this month the Civil Service list will be ready to go. Also that what the Board has put in place the last two years and what he will recommend to the Board again that any excess dollars that remain in the budget, that they are earmarked and tied to paying for these liabilities.

Commissioner Nagle – Thanked the staff for an incredible budget. He was anticipating a 5-6% proposed tax increase based on the big expenses that have been incurred, so to that end the residents owe you a debt of gratitude.

Commissioner Fisher – Thanked the Staff for all of their hard work that they have put in to the preparation of the budget. He supports the tax increase. The Township tax bill is the smallest of the three, yet the Township provides a good amount of the services for the safety and welfare of the residents. The assumptions of the expense and revenue side all seem reasonable, he wants to make sure that we are fully funding the full capital expenses that we have and maintain them. He looks forward to seeing the rental housing inspector. Commissioner Fisher thanked each Department Head individually.

Commissioner J. Higgins – Thanked Staff for all of their hard work and time. Inquired if it was considered to blend the fund balance and raise the tax increase.

Mr. Zienkowski responded that they did consider that but we looked long term and there are a lot of moving pieces right now. Until we have our arms wrapped around all of it this is a good place mark year budget. We also have contracts coming up next year which will have an impact.

Commissioner Spingler – Discussed the 12% increase in the sewer budget but no increase in sewer rate. Steve Norcini responded that was correct. He also stated that he will not vote for a \$36 trash fee and believes that it should be included in their tax bill.

There was a brief discussion in regards to the proposed \$36 tipping fee for trash that has been passed on from the County.

**Public Comment**

Dan Webster – Expressed his gratitude to the Commissioners and Staff for their work and the transparency associated. He also discussed VCSP, tipping fee, CPI & Police Officers mentioned through the budget.

Kathy Mulroy, Radnor Memorial Library – Thanked the Staff and the Board of Commissioners. The Library appreciates everything that the Township has done for them.

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on a motion duly made and seconded.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Jennifer DeStefano*

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