

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of November 7, 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 A. Spingler, President

John Fisher

James C. Higgins

Absent - Kevin G. Higgins

Elaine P. Schaefer, Vice President

John Nagle

Donald Curley

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; William White, Finance Director; William Colarulo, Superintendent of Police; Lieutenant Chris Flanagan; Steve Norcini, Director of Public Works; Kevin Kochanski, Director of Community Development and Jennifer DeStefano, Executive Assistant to the Township Manager.*

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

2013 Preliminary Budget Discussion

None

Board of Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Schaefer – Inquired about the looming swap option that is noted in the text of the budget. Mr. White explained that in August 2014 the maturity date of the swap option will occur at which time the counterparty will have the option of settling up on the difference between the rate that the Township owes vs. the rate they would have otherwise have to pay. So far this year we have worked with our underwriter to work on a game plan on how to unwind it.

Commissioner Schaefer also discussed the rear yard pick-up fee to keep an eye on it and she is also concerned about the fee increase of parking tickets and does not support the fee to be raised to \$25.00, she would like to see it increased to \$20.00.

Commissioner Fisher – Supports the parking ticket fee increase. He asked if there is an assessment of the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Norcini responded that there is a large backlog of repairs and are being worked on.

-Commissioner Curley made a motion to adjust the preliminary budget of the parking ticket fee to \$20.00, seconded by Commissioner Schaefer. Motion passed 4-2 with Commissioner Spingler and Commissioner Fisher opposed, Commissioner K. Higgins was absent from meeting.-

Commissioner Curley inquired about the addition of five officers to begin on January 1, 2013. Mr. Zienkowski responded that the intention is still there.

Commissioner Nagle – He supports the trash fee, discussed false alarm fee, capital funds increased, per capita – he would like to see it broken down by household, projection for real estate, Hurricane Sandy training for staff on handling the stress associated with staffing the phones, detail on EOC, SWAT dues, Arborist fees, details from RHM on how they are spending Township money and long range planning on sewer systems.

Commissioner J. Higgins – Inquired about Police overtime and asked if the grants (i.e. aggressive driving, seatbelt safety, etc.) if we will continue to receive them to offset the overtime. He also inquired about the DUI enforcement. He also inquired for clarification that if the trash fee is implemented will only residents be charged. Steve Norcini confirmed that it would only be residents.

Commissioner Spingler – Stated that he is not in favor of the trash fee and asked the other Commissioners their opinion. Commissioner Curley is still undecided, Commissioner Fisher thinks a small millage increase needs to be done instead, Commissioner Schaefer supports the fee and Commissioner J. Higgins is not in support of the tipping fee.

Mr. White stated that the Townships intention is for the tipping fee to be on the tax bill.

Public Comment

None

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None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer DeStefano