

TOWNSHIP OF RADNOR
Minutes of Public Meeting of November 18, 2012

The Radnor Township Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:00 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 - John Nagle

Elaine P. Schaefer, Vice President

Kevin G. Higgins

Donald Curley

Also Present: *Robert A. Zienkowski, Township Manager; John Rice, Township Solicitor; William White, Finance Director 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

Mr. Zienkowski proposed a change to the budget that was submitted and change a line item in the budget police budget under wages to approximately \$264,421.00 which would cover the proposed 1.42% tax increase and eliminate and it would be a 0% tax increase recommended; shift \$10,000.00 to a postage line item to cover the Township newsletter out of that reduction and approximately \$100,000.00 to go towards OPEB fund. This would make it a 0% tax increase, \$36.00 tipping fee and an increase of \$5 per parking ticket.

Commissioner K. Higgins inquired for the reason of the change. Mr. Zienkowski explained that it reflects a delay in hiring of police officers. Commissioner Schaefer inquired how many positions the sum amounts to. Mr. Zienkowski responded it would approximately be a reduction of two officers until later in 2013.

There was a brief discussion in regards to the changes in the proposed 2013 Budget. Mr. White explained that the changes will be reflected in the final budget which will be on the November 26, 2012 Board of Commissioners agenda for introduction and December 17, 2012 agenda for adoption.

Board of Commissioner Comment

None

Public Comment

None

Commissioner Schaefer inquired if we could discuss the 5 year forecast that is included in the budget. This discusses the forecast of 2014-2018. In particular she discussed the areas pertaining to OPEB liability, increased pension liability and capital funding liability. It is quite alarming. The number of employees has decreased but the cost of healthcare and pension has increased.

Bill White thanked Commissioner Schaefer for her comments as they are a great intro to the proposed meeting for December 10, 2012 with CARFAC.

Charter Review Committee Final Report Discussion

Commissioner Fisher thanked the Charter Review Commission for their work that had been completed through the process. Mr. Rice discussed where in the process of the proposed changes to the Charter are.

Board of Commissioners Comment and Discussion

There was discussion amongst the Board of Commissioners and John Rice in regards to proposed changes to the Township Charter. Those proposed changes include: Township Manager Residency, Treasurer: Receipts, Disbursements, Tax Collection, Surcharge and additional authority such as monthly review of financial accounts and reports; promptly notifying the Board of Commissioners and Township Manager of significant irregularities, abuse or illegal acts relating to the operation of the Township or compliance with this Charter are found; prepare a written annual report to the residents of Radnor Township and publicly present it in person at a Board of Commissioner meeting. Mr. Osborne, Treasurer stated that he is in agreement with the changes.

There was discussion in regards to appointing a Vacancy Board Chairman on an annual basis to be a tie breaker in case of a vacancy with the Board of Commissioners. The Charter review Committee reviewed this item and recommended leaving to the Court for a decision. John Ake and Christina Perrone discussed the Charter Review Committee discussions to not have a Vacancy Board Chairman.

Commissioner K. Higgins stated that there needs to be explicit direction that Township Administration, Township Manager and Finance Director to cooperate with a single independent body that has been elected on a Township wide office. Commissioner Fisher agrees with Commissioner K. Higgins.

After in depth conversation in regards to revisions to the Home Rule Charter, Commissioner Fisher made a motion to have John Rice draft Ordinances for introduction at his discretion consistent with the discussion between the commissioners, seconded by Commissioner K. Higgins.

Commissioner Curley asked for John Rice to distribute just the suggested Treasurer revisions to the Commissioners ahead of introduction of the ordinance. John Rice stated that he sees this as multiple ordinances/questions on the ballot in May.

Public Comment

Commissioner Curley announced that the Radnor Fire Company Auxiliary will host its annual Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 2 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Fire House. Adults - \$8.00; Children under 10 - \$4.00; Children under 2 free.

Adjournment

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

*Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer DeStefano*