Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors
November 9, 2020

Attending: Heidi Fiedler, David Franke, Claude Beaver, Diane Hollenbach – Manager
Guests: Kim Berger, Ontelaunee Township

Heidi Fiedler called the November 9, 2020 budget meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Maidencreek Township Building, 1 Quarry Road, Blandon.

Diane Hollenbach reviewed the following changes in the 2021 budget which was a no tax increase budget:

1. Revenue is projected to be $101,752.15 lower than the 2020 budget due to COVID-19 impacting the economy.
2. The proposed police budget is a 16% increase. However, it is understood that this evening there may be a motion to dissolve the police department with service ending in May of 2021. The budget number for police is therefore the same as the 2020 number. If Maidencreek Township must hire their own force, the Board may want to revisit the master plan for the Township property and consider a new building. There are commercial buildings also available for lease and purchase.
3. This budget removes $158,213.20 from the Township's reserves to balance it.
4. Donations remain at the same level for ambulance, Crime Alert Berks County, Fleetwood Library, Berks Visiting Nurses and the Blandon Fish Rodeo.
5. The front porch roof of the Township Building needs replacing.
6. Purchase of additional recycling bins have been incorporated into the budget.
7. The foreman recommends replacing the Kubota mower instead of repairing it.
8. The road crew requests for a portable generator and a power post driver for sign installation are in the budget.
9. Sweeping the streets one time is included in the budget at $5,500. Heidi Fiedler wanted additional sweeping. This can be discussed when we see how the year unfolds.
10. Park and Recreation project of sealing and lining the Cornerstone Drive court is included.
11. All rural roads should be striped in 2021 for an estimated cost of $14000.
12. The foreman would like to replace all the signs in one development then use the old signs and reface them to save money.
13. The Buena vista Drain Project was put on hold.
14. It was suggested to do a little less road work in TreeTops so the savings could be used to pay for other items like streetlight electric. Heidi Fiedler disagreed stating that she has seen it happen before that when you get behind in paving you never catch up.
15. The legal budget was increased due to the police issue.
16. Truck replacement, an additional employee, the building HVAC replacement and fuel card system were not in this budget.
17. The truck and chipper grant were not included because the grant deadline was extended to December 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Claude Beaver, seconded by David Franke, to adjourn the November 9, 2020 meeting of the Maidencreek Township Board of Supervisors. Hearing no

questions on the motion, all members voted “Aye”. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

An executive session was held for potential litigation from 9:52 a.m. to 10:47 a.m.

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Diane Hollenbach, Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer