

MINUTES

Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2014 – 3:00 P.M.
Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Stephen Wagner, Chairman
Joaquim "Jack" DeMatos, Vice Chairman
Dennis E. Benner
Patrick M. Leonard
Philip W. Spaeth

Staff Attending: Thomas F. Beil, Township Manager
Robert E. Kassel, Jr., Assistant Township Manager
Thomas Young, Director of Finance
Charles Castetter, Fire Chief
Donald Eck, Director of Roads and Properties
Robert Coyle, Chief of Police
Dennis Harman, P.E., Township Engineer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., in the Public Meeting Room of the Upper Saucon Township Municipal Building, 5500 Camp Meeting Road, Upper Saucon Township, Lehigh County, PA.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wagner asked all in attendance to stand and recite the "Pledge of Allegiance."

NOTIFICATION

Mr. Wagner announced that all public sessions of the Upper Saucon Township Board of Supervisors are electronically recorded. The recordings are maintained as part of the record of the meeting until the minutes are transcribed and approved by the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REVIEW PRELIMINARY 2015 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Messrs. Beil and Kassel reviewed the preliminary 2015 Township budget with the Board. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the preliminary budget.

The Board discussed budgeting additional funds to hire two new officers for the Police Department and one new laborer for the Road Department.

Mr. Beil explained how hiring additional personnel for the Police Department and Road Department would affect the Township's finances over the next five years.

The Board favored hiring one new police officer in June of 2015 and giving the Road Department more flexibility in contracting work out.

The Board expressed support for reducing the amount budgeted for repairing the rail / trail bridge over Jacoby Road and reducing the amount budgeted for engineering the Oakhurst drainage project.

Chairman Wagner asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the preliminary budget.

George and Judy Bloeser, 6500 Limeport Pike – Mr. and Mrs. Bloeser asked the Board to budget \$10,000 in 2015 to help fund the field lighting project at the Limeport Stadium.

It was the consensus of the Board that the preliminary Township budget should be revised as follows:

<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Amount</u>	<u>Revised Amount</u>
01-410-100	Police - Salaries and Wages	\$1,516,065	\$1,538,565
01-410-150	Police - Uniform Expenses	\$8,900	\$10,100
01-410-156	Police - Health / Hospital Insurance	\$364,334	\$374,534
01-410-260	Police – Contracted Services	\$24,000	\$28,000
01-410-270	Police – Advertising and Printing	\$500	\$1,000
12-451-700	Recreation Cap. Project – Rail Trail Bridge	\$270,000	\$195,000
01-430-260	Highways – Contracted Services	\$15,000	\$25,000
31-439-240	Road Constr. Cap. - Eng. Oakhurst Project	\$250,000	\$225,000

Mr. Beil noted the Board will consider adopting the preliminary 2015 Township budget at the Board's next meeting which is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Bloeser of 6500 Limeport Pike said the Township has a real opportunity to be a leader in funding the Limeport Stadium lighting project.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

Secretary

