

NORTH MIDDLETON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

October 8, 2008

The North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors held a budget workshop meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at the North Middleton Township Municipal Building, 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle PA. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Bucher at 6:00 PM. Board members present were: Vice-Chair Robert Shearer, Supervisor Robert Reisinger, Supervisor Dennis Hurley, Supervisor Harry Kelso, Manager Deborah A. Ealer and Chief Jeffrey Rudolph. Visitors in attendance were: Shawn Brickner, Mike Murray and Tim Henson from the North Middleton Fire Company; Mike Blumenthal and Tom Stenjham from the LeTort Authority.

Shawn Bricker gave a presentation regarding the Fire Company's needs including large equipment purchases. Shawn noted the 1983 tanker and the 1990 engine are scheduled to be replaced in 2009 and 2010. Both pieces are showing rust, wear and tear, and corrosion. The combined cost of replacing the two pieces is \$900,000. The Fire Company is proposing to not replace each piece of equipment but to replace the two pieces with one piece at a maximum cost of \$645,000.

Should the Board approve this recommendation, the township could save \$255,000 initially and realize an additional savings of \$113,000 in maintenance and operational costs. Shawn noted the township could realize further savings by placing the order before November 1. E-one will be implementing a price increase of 4% starting November 1. \$24,000 would be saved if the truck was purchased before the price increase. Also, on January 1 an additional \$15,000 of upgrades will be required by NFPA.

The Fire Company estimates the two pieces of used equipment will sell for \$50,000 to \$70,000. This money can replace a portion of the funds used to purchase the new truck.

The Fire Company is asking for an additional \$5,000 in its donation from the township. The money will be used to offset the fire company no longer selling water for swimming pools due to taking the tanker out of service. The fire company personnel left the meeting at 6:45 pm.

Jeffrey Rudolph reviewed the police department budget. The highlights include a new vehicle due to car#5 no longer being available. Jeff noted he may get \$19,000 from the counterfeit auto parts arrest at the Carlisle Events. If the township receives this money, Jeff would like to use it towards the car purchase. Jeff is recommending the purchase of a Dodge rather than a Ford realizing a savings of \$2,000 plus dollars.

Jeff spoke about how the funds are distributed on traffic citations. Of a \$100 plus citation, the township only receives \$12.50 per citation.

Jeff reviewed statistics he gathered from neighboring police departments for overtime costs. North Middleton is very low in relation to the average overtime cost per officer. Most of the overtime is due to court appearances and required training. Jeff is requesting the Board approve changing the part time officer into a full time position for 2009.

Other capital purchases include a computer upgrade for the detective. He would like to upgrade to a lap top with a docking system.

Mike Blumenthal and Tom Stenjham representing the LeTort Authority discussed an increased donation for 2009. The Authority has been running in the red for several years and needs additional local support. The money is used to cover staff costs and legal fees. The donation is based on population. Previously it was set at 18 cents per capita. For 2009 it is 43cents per capita. Mike and Tom left the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Bob Reisinger motioned to reject all the North Middleton Park Restroom bids, Bob Shearer the second, with 5 years motion carried.

The Gypsy Moth spraying for 2009 was discussed. Bob Reisinger motioned to participate in the 2009 spraying with sending a letter to residents who have more than one acre in the spray block requesting a donation; Bob Shearer seconded the motion, with 5 yeas motion carried.

The Board will look at the Capital Expenditures for the next 10 years at the October 15 budget meeting.

A line item review of the general fund was conducted. Several updates were made including reducing the Planning Commission fees for 2009. Overall the revenues for 2009 are expected to be lower than in 2008.

On the expense side the Board questioned the amount of gas for the fire budget and why the number is so high.

The CENTAX commission needs to be added to the budget. The parks department salary should be \$34,000 not \$3400.

The Board discussed capital expenditures and would like to consider moving all large non-recurring purchases to the capital expenditure account. Those items include police vehicle, computer purchase, etc.

Supervisor Bucher confronted Supervisor Hurley about unprofessional/derogatory emails that Hurley wrote to the Manager. Mr Hurley said that he did write the emails to the Manager. Supervisor Bucher then presented a letter signed by Supervisor Bucher stating in summary, that Supervisor Hurley will cease and desist of sending any unprofessional/derogatory emails to the Manager or anyone else working for NMT. Mr Hurley agreed that he would not send anymore unprofessional/derogatory emails.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM. upon a motion by Bob Reisinger.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah A. Ealer