

North Middleton Budget Meeting #3

October 22, 2008

The North Middleton Township Board of Supervisors held a budget meeting on Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building, 2051 Spring Road, Carlisle, PA. Chairman Richard A Bucher called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. Board members present were: Vice-Chair Robert Shearer, Supervisor Harry Kelso, Supervisor Robert Reisinger, Manager Deborah Ealer, Shawn Brickner with the Fire Department, Mike Murray with the Fire Department, Randy Uhrich Salesman with Guardian Fire Equipment, and Recording Secretary Tracy Gates.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag opened the meeting.

Approval of the minutes from October 15, 2008 budget meeting #2 has been tabled until next week.

Fire truck Purchase-

Shawn Brickner & Mike Murray were present to represent the North Middleton Fire Department. Randy Uhrich, Salesman for Guardian Fire Equipment made a follow up presentation with information regarding the purchase of the new fire truck (truck/engine) for 2009. Mr. Uhrich explained that the current 2008 price for the fire truck is \$608,855.00. This price is good until November 15, 2008. The 2009 price will increase to \$627,527.00; both prices do not reflect the NFPA upgrades. NFPA upgrades are required every three years, with the most current upgrades being required effective January 1, 2009. The upgrade costs are estimated to be \$12,000 - \$15,000; however units purchased prior to January 1, 2009 are not required to have the NFPA upgrades. Shawn Brickner stated that he did receive a price over the phone today on a comparable unit from "Suffin"; the price quoted was \$665,000.00. The NFA upgrades would be an additional \$ 15,000 – \$20,000. The board has until November 14, 2009 to make a decision on the 2008 pricing.

Public Works

Manager Ealer asked the Public Works department to choose between a pick up or a utility truck. Public Works would rather have a utility truck. Manager Ealer updated the budget figures to reflect the purchase of a utility truck.

Streetlight Tax –

Manager Ealer recommended 2 cents per front foot increase to the streetlight tax. The board agreed to the 2 cents increase.

Cumberland Goodwill Fire & Rescue

Manager Ealer brought to the board's attention that Cumberland Goodwill Fire & Rescue have requested a donation for \$10,000 for 2009. The board donated \$10,000 in 2007, nothing was donated in 2008. The board unanimously decided that they need audit information from Cumberland Goodwill Fire & Rescue prior to making a decision regarding the donation.

Hardening of the building

Manager Ealer received an update from "Hershock" regarding the cost to harden the building. The price has increased from 18,000 to 24,000. This was just an informational comment since the board deleted the hardening project last meeting for 2009.

Leasing Police Vehicles

Manager Ealer provided information to the board regarding the leasing of police vehicles. If the board would buy a vehicle the cost would be about \$22,944, which includes additional upgrades. The lease information estimated the cost to be \$25,000 plus. The board unanimously decided to purchase a police vehicle for 2009.

Salaries

Manager Ealer presented salary information to the board for non-uniform employees. She recommended an increase of \$38,000 with an overall increase of 6.9% in employee wages. Supervisor Reisinger voted for a 3.5% increase across the board. Vice-Chair Shearer voted for a 3.5% increase across the board and made a request to raise the employee contribution to the health plan for 2010. Chairman Bucher is recommended a 1.5 – 2.5% increase. Supervisor Kelso would like to adjust the salaries individually to make the wages more in line with the PSAT, for an example the chief code officer. The board agreed to a standard 3.5% across the board, however if the budget needs further adjustments, this item will be further discussed. Supervisor Reisinger motioned, Supervisor Kelso seconded, the motion carried at 3.5% wage increase across the board, with the option to revisit if needed.

Analysis of Police Overtime

Manager Ealer stated that the police overtime for 2008 is \$34,874. She stated that the township is involved with four reimbursement program. Currently, the township has received \$7,284.00 in reimbursements with another expected \$1,700.00. The police department requested \$30,000 in overtime for 2009, however at the last meeting the board cut it to \$20,000. The board wants to stress that the \$20,000 is the total amount of approved overtime. This figure should reflect the reimbursements as well.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. upon a motion made by Supervisor Reisinger, Vice-Chair Shearer seconded, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted

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Tracy Gates
Recording Secretary