

Silver Lake Township
November 4, 2019

Francis Fruehan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and called for a salute to the Flag.

The minutes from the October meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Butch DeLousia, all approved.

The treasurer report was read, approved and held for audit on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Butch DeLousia, all approved.

Public Comment: Residents have received certified letters from SWN regarding extending well sites.

Francis Fruehan said before the proposed 2020 budgets are presented, Act 13 Resolutions needed to be voted on.

Francis Fruehan read Budget Resolution 2019-1 Supplemental Appropriations of Actual 2019 Act 13 Revenue in the 2019 Budget – Revises and replaces Budget Resolution No 2018-3 Appropriations of Estimated 2019 Act 13 Revenue in the 2019 Budget. It was noted that in this resolution, a portion of the Volvo rubber-tired excavator will be paid for out of the Act 13 Holding Account. It was originally discussed in the July meeting that the excavator would be paid out of the State and Equipment Funds, but that will be changed to Act 13 Holding and Equipment Funds under this resolution. \$1,600 was used for playground mulch for the community park. Francis Fruehan asked for public comment. Evan Everitt made a motion to approve the Budget Resolution 2019-1, Butch DeLousia seconded, all approved.

Budget Resolution 2019-2 – Appropriations of Estimated 2020 Act 13 Revenue in the 2020 Budget-It is estimated that \$200,000 will be received from the state in Act 13 funds. \$75,000 will be to reduce real estate taxes (approximately 1.7 tax mills), \$10,000 to general fund for road maintenance for dust control (the Act 13 funds are not received in time to purchase dust control so this goes to reimburse the general fund for the dust control purchase) and \$115,000, or the actual amount left after 2020 Act 13 expenditures, will be transferred to the Act 13 Capital Reserve Fund. Evan Everitt made a motion to approve Budget Resolution 2019-2, Butch DeLousia seconded, all approved.

Francis Fruehan put an additional budget related motion on the floor for the re-allocation of \$9,000 in the 2020 Budget from a separate general fund bank account titled "Special Account" to fund the 2020 contributions to a 401(a) Defined Contribution Retirement Savings Plan for full time township employees. The Special Account currently has a balance of approximately \$19,000. The \$9,000 will be shown in 2020 General Fund Budget Income line item 392.45 – Transfer from Special Fund and General Fund Budget Expense line item 392.45 – Transfer from Special Fund and General Fund Budget Expense line item 483.40 Retirement 401(a). Francis Fruehan asked for any public comment. Francis Fruehan made a motion to approve the funds reallocation, Butch DeLousia seconded, approved with Evan Everitt abstaining as a full-time township employee.

Francis Fruehan presented the proposed 2020 Budgets. The total proposed 2020 Real Estate Tax Millage will be 10.71 mills, minus 1.7 mills Act 13 tax credit, yielding a net millage of 9.01 mills. This includes a 2 percent increase of 0.13 mills for the General Fund with no increases in the remaining funds. A resident asked where the tax increase would be in the budget. Francis Fruehan explained it would be spread throughout the general fund budget.

Francis Fruehan made a motion to make copies of the proposed 2020 Budget, as just presented, available to public inspection by appointment at the township building. Budget adoption to be at the regular Board of Supervisors monthly meeting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, Butch DeLousia seconded, all approved. Proposed budgets will be posted on township website. Advertisement for the budget inspection and budget adoption meeting will run in the Susquehanna County Independent.

Francis Fruehan reminded everyone that the December monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, not Monday. This was as originally agreed upon at the last organizational meeting and advertised.

Evan Everitt said township employees will be pouring concrete in the cold storage building. Project will be paid for out of the Building Fund (approximately \$9,000 for the concrete). Francis Fruehan made a motion to approve the project, Evan Everitt seconded, all approved.

Evan Everitt gave the road report – working on FEMA projects and filling the cinder building. Working on a Low Volume Road Application through the Dirt/Gravel Road Program for a culvert pipe replacement on Kelly Road.

An Application for Snow Hollow Road Dirt/Gravel Road project in the amount of \$165,725.

Francis Fruehan read the police report with 8 incidents plus 33 traffic stops for the month of October.

Assessment Permits – None

Driveway Permits – None

Evan Everitt made a motion to pay the bills as submitted, Butch DeLousia, all approved.

As no further business was presented Evan Everitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Butch DeLousia seconded, all approved.

Sandy Brink
Secretary

Supervisors Present:
Francis Fruehan
Evan Everitt
Richard DeLousia