

Silver Lake Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
December 5, 2022

Francis Fruehan called the meeting to order and called for a salute to the flag.

Minutes from the November meeting were read and approved on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Francis Fruehan, approved.

Treasurer report was read, approved and held for audit on a motion made by Evan Everitt and seconded by Francis Fruehan, approved.

Public Comment – None

Francis Fruehan explained the 2023 Budgets were presented at the November regular meeting, advertised and made available for public inspection at the township building and posted on the township website and advertised for adoption at the December meeting.

The proposed 2023 Real Estate Tax Millage:

General Fund 7.41 mills

General Fund – Police 0.80 mills

Equipment Fund 1.30 mills

Building Fund 0.20 mills

Fire Fund 1.00 mills

Total millage = 10.71 mills

Act 13 Tax Credit – (-)0.00 mills = Net millage = 10.71 mills

Francis Fruehan asked if there were any proposed amendments. Before making a motion for Adoption of the 2023 Budget he asked for any questions or comments.

Francis Fruehan asked for a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget as presented at the November meeting, Evan Everitt made a motion to adopt the 2023 Budget as presented, Francis Fruehan seconded, approved.

Francis Fruehan explained there are three additional resolutions for 2022. They were drafted during the budget work sessions and discussed at the November meeting budget presentation.

Budget Resolution 2022-3 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF ACTUAL 2022 ACT 13 CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS IN THE 2022 BUDGET. This will be a summary of construction expenses taken from the Act 13 Capital Reserve Fund the township's new 90' x 140' Truck and Equipment Garage used to house trucks, equipment, tools and other items essential for performing the township's public works projects.

Budget Resolution 2022-4 – TAX RATE RESOLUTION FOR 2023. Since early 2021 the state has asked townships to do Tax Levy Resolutions and upload them to a state website. The rate resolution will contain tax rates just adopted.

Budget Resolution 2022-5 – A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF ACTUAL 2021 & 2022 “AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN Act” REVENUE IN THE 2022 BUDGET.

The township received a check from the United State Government’s American Rescue Plan in the amount of \$83,0000 in 2021 and another that is supposed to be received in 2022. In 2022, the township spent \$13,750 for the purchase and installation of a new 24 kw generator to provide backup/emergency power for the township buildings. Exact revenue amounts, expenses and budget line item numbers are noted in the Budget Resolution.

Prior to requesting motions to adopt the resolutions, Francis Fruehan asked if there were any public questions or comments on the above Budget Resolutions 2022-3, 2022-4 and 2022-5. No questions or comments were received. Francis Fruehan made a motion to approve the three budget resolutions, Evan Everitt seconded, approved.

Evan Everitt reviewed the bids reviewed the received for the grader that was advertised in the Susquehanna County Independent and on Auctions International. High bid received was \$20,300. Evan Everitt said he would like to counter offer with a price of \$28,500. If that price is not accepted, then he will advertise the grader again at a later date.

Evan Everitt made a motion to reject the bid of \$20,300 and counter offer with a price of \$28,500 Francis Fruehan seconded, approved.

Evan Everitt would like to purchase a new plow truck – Western Star Tandem axle Model 47X from Costars for approximately \$151,401 for cab and chassis, plus the cost of material and labor to upfit plow frame and hydraulics; plus miscellaneous parts and labor to install a newly purchased dump body and hydraulic system. Also, Evan Everitt will request separate bids for the new stainless steel combination dump body and spreader also through Costars additional cost for material to upfit plow frame, hydraulics and dump body.

The one existing plow truck is in need of replacement due to frame rust issues as well as upsizing from single axle to tandem. The old plow truck can be sold after the new truck is delivered and equipped.

Evan Everitt made a motion to purchase the cap and chassis for \$151,401 through Costars, Francis Fruehan seconded, approved.

The Organizational Meeting for 2023 will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 pm followed by the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors pending verification from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who sets the Organizational Meeting date. Francis Fruehan made a motion to advertise for the Organizational Meeting in the Susquehanna County Independent, Evan Everitt seconded, approved.

Francis Fruehan read the police report with 6 incidents plus 3 traffic stop for the month of November

Evan Everitt gave the road report – The Dirt/Gravel Road project for the second half of Sweeney Road has been awarded in the amount of \$213,299.

Assessment Permits – None

Driveway or Road Crossing Permits – None

Evan Everitt made a motion to pay the bills as submitted, Francis Fruehan seconded, approved.

As no further business was presented, Francis Fruehan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Evan Everitt seconded, approved.

Sandra Brink  
Secretary

Supervisors Present:  
Francis Fruehan  
Evan Everitt  
Richard DeLousia (absent)