

Meeting Minutes of December 29, 2008
Board of Supervisors
Special Budget Adoption Meeting

Chairman Lindborg called the Board of Supervisors meeting of December 29, 2008 to order at 7:30 p.m. and then led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call of the Board of Supervisors (BoS) by Manager Rambo noted Supervisor Carl S. Lindborg and Supervisor Josef G. Obernier, Sr. Supervisor Thomas J. McCaffrey was absent. Township Manager Ronald A. Rambo, Jr. was also present.

Public Hearing

Budget presentation. Manager Rambo stated the proposed General Fund revenues total \$2,889,915 and expenses total \$2,889,915. The Solid Waste revenues total \$655,885 and expenses total \$655,885. The Liquid Fuel Fund revenues total \$328,256 and expenses total \$328,256. The General Fund is broken down as follows 41% police, 18% administrative, 12% public works, 7% codes, 6% fire services & hydrants, and 16% debt service. The Solid Waste Fund is broken down as follows: 44% collection contract, 25% tipping fees, 13% administration, 12% recycling, and 6% reserves. The Liquid Fuels fund is broken down as follows: 43% road construction, 22% wages, 19% road maintenance, 10% snow removal, 4% operating supplies, and 2% equipment repairs.

Chairman Lindborg asked if those percentages are actual percentages that the Township collects in taxes. Manager Rambo stated taxes, building permits, real estate transfers, permits, fines, forfeits; this does not include pass through money for fire services.

Chairman Lindborg explained those funds are the essence of the different monies that are available for the Township to spend. The Solid Waste is strictly solid waste. The liquid fuels money comes from the state and can only be used for very specific purposes.

Lori Petri asked a question regarding the headline that the Comcast Franchise fee and Verizon fee comes under. Manager Rambo delineated this to Ms. Petri. Manager Rambo explained that there was no monetary establishment for Verizon in the 2008 budget as they did not start providing documentation with regard to the franchise fee until April. The Manager noted that as the amount of one franchise grows the other franchise amount would get smaller. It was noted that Direct TV is not a franchise so no money is paid to the Township.

Joan Thompson asked the difference between the budget that the audience had for review and the budget that the BoS had. Manager Rambo answered this is the same budget that was provided to the Board of Supervisors and advertised in the Daily Local News for public review and consideration.

Ted Waltz stated that other townships are doing away with the building inspectors and asked if WBT has considered this. Mr. Waltz also noted that Mr. Barnett also does work in Valley. Manager Rambo noted that Dale Barnett performs inspections for Valley Township and that they reimburse WBT for the building inspectors services. Manager Rambo noted that the Building Inspector is also the Codes Officer/Zoning Officer in addition to the Building Inspector.

Laurie Petri asked for employee's names and salaries that coincide with line items. Manager Rambo noted that he has the information available for Ms. Petri for 2008 and 2009. The Manager noted that the positions will also be noted at the January 5, 2009 BoS organizational meeting and that all Ms. Petri needs to do is fill out a request for information sheet.

Ted Waltz asked if the women have more than one job. Manager Rambo answered no, this information is presented at the organization meeting each year. Ted Waltz stated that the approved minutes were not posted on the website. Manager Rambo stated he would make sure they get posted.

Jeff Grossman asked if a decision was made regarding the Township's contribution to the Coatesville Library. Manager Rambo noted that no contribution was made for 2008 and that they had requested a contribution of a \$1.50 per person. The Manager also noted that in 2009 the amount of \$7,153.00 is in the budget based on the 2000 Census.

Jeff Grossman asked where the SPCA is on the budget. Manager Rambo answered this is under police. Vice-Chairman Obernier stated that the line item numbering is dictated by the state of Pennsylvania.

Old Business

Final discussions on the proposed 2009 budgets.

Jeff Grossman asked the status of the Post Office. Manager Rambo explained that he has a book on his desk that the Post Office sent that he would look at after the budget process is complete. The list that was checked several times has also been sent to the Post Office. It is the intention of the Post Office to allow everybody to use West Brandywine PA with their own respective zip code. The Manager noted that WBT has six zip codes and also noted that many residents that have had PO Boxes at the Brandamore Post Office are now being serviced by the Honey Brook and Glenmoore post offices for mail delivery.

Old Business from the Floor

There was no Old Business from the Floor.

Old Business from Board

There was no Old Business from the Board.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution #16-2008; enactment of budgets.

Resolution #17-2008; establishment of real estate tax at 1.081 mills (no change from 2008).

Resolution #18-2008; establishment of fire appropriations tax at .22 mills (no change from 2008).

Resolution #19-2008; establishment of Solid Waste & Recycling Fee at \$260.00 (Solid Waste went up because tipping fees went up and recycling is costing more.)

Resolution #20-2008; setting of Non-Uniform Pension amount at 5%.

Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to approve Resolutions numbers 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Obernier and Lindborg voted aye.

New Business from the Floor.

There was no New Business from the Floor.

New Business from the Board

There was no New Business from the Board.

Public Comments (individuals not requesting to be on the agenda)

There were no Public Comments.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Obernier motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. Chairman Lindborg seconded the motion. Board Members Obernier and Lindborg voted aye.

Ronald A. Rambo, Jr.

Township Manager/Secretary/Treasurer