

**South Londonderry Township
Board of Supervisors – Workshop Meeting Minutes
Palmyra, PA**

September 25, 2024

Opening Ceremonies and Introduction- The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairwoman Bucks followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present: **The following staff members were present:**

Faith Bucks – Chairwoman
Jack Custer – Vice Chairman
William Bova - Member

John Eberly – Township Manager
William Reigle – Police Chief
Richie Deibert – Asst. Manager

The following members from the public were in attendance:

Pat Krebs, Jane Popko, Slate Wenger, Kurt, Kauffman, John Brieve, Dylan Wilson, Matt Donahue, Mark Houser, Chris Bardsley, and Barry Sell.

Special Orders:

None.

Public Comment:

Jane Popko advocated for Manager Eberly to attend the upcoming Spring Creek Watershed meetings and for sidewalks to be installed along properties not having them along Route 322.

Old Business:

Discussion was held on possible increase of the Fire Tax to include a new Fire Apparatus Tax out of this annual tax in addition to agreeing on what the 2025 Fire Tax fee should be in order to have both fire companies be able to provide a 2025 Fire Tax Budget at the October 23, 2024 Workshop,

A recommendation was made by both Bova and Custer to increasing the Fire Tax Rate in 2025 from 0.245 to 1.00 mills for 2025 with 0.80 being carved out for the new Fire Apparatus Fund (11) and the remaining being split 60-40 between the Campbelltown (04) and Lawn (10) FC Fire Tax Funds. Bucks supported a Fire Tax increase to possibly 0.65 mills, but not at the 1.00 rate.

New Business:

The 2024 Budget Development of the Street Light (02), Fire Hydrant (03), Traffic Signal (05), Recreational (07), Sewer District Fund #1 – Mt. Gretna (08), MS4 (18), Capital Fleet Reserve (31), Highway Liquid Fuels (35), K-9 (36), Stone Knoll (37), and the Operating Reserve (95), funds were presented by Deibert and Eberly.

The recommendation was to maintain the current sewer rates to the Mt. Gretna customers for 2025 as no proposed rate increases have been communicated by the Mt. Gretna Municipal Authority. Bid specs are being developed to line the Timber Road section of the sewer line to address infiltration issues in 2025 in anticipation of receiving an LSA Grant for these repairs.

Deibert recommended the replacement of a Dump Truck in 2025 for the Public Works team out of the Capital Fleet Reserve (31) with \$60,000 being requested be transferred in from the General Fund in 2025. Additionally, the request to use the Liquid Highway Funds (95) to replace guiderails on all township owned bridges and address W. Hinkle Road overlays in 2025 was presented.

It was recommended to utilize an estimated \$40,000 to repair a stormwater drain across Bell Road from the MS4 Fund 18. The Growing Greener Grant (\$200,000) will be used to fund the additional Killinger Creek Stream Restoration and Riparian Buffer work in 2025.

Good and Welfare- None

Adjournment – There being no more business to discuss, a motion by Custer, second by Bova to adjourn the meeting at 8:02PM. Motion carried.

John Eberly, Manager/Secretary