

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET MEETING, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

The Budget Meeting of Monday, September 27, 2010 was brought to order at 6:00 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli Ms. Fialla
Mr. Padula Mr. Costa Mr. Szoko

General Fund:

The General Fund is balanced with revenues and expenditures equal to \$4,373,400. representing a decrease from 2010 of \$1,299,800. The 2011 General Fund budget includes a carryover of revenue from the 2010 budget in the amount of \$326,900. This amount includes \$85,000. in delinquent real estate tax received, \$20,000. in cable franchise fees above that which was budgeted, \$20,000. in FEMA reimbursements from the February snows, \$70,000. in reimbursement from the Township's workers compensation carrier and \$18,000. in additional Regional Asset District (RAD) revenues. In addition, expenditures are projected to finish the year \$77,000. under budget due mainly to the retirement of two members of the Public Works Department who were not subsequently replaced.

Major revenue streams for 2011 include the transfer of \$400,000. from the Emergency Contingency Fund and the carryover of \$326,900. from 2010. Overall, revenues are projected to continue to remain flat through 2011, with no new or anticipated additional revenues of any mentionable value available. Expenditures for 2011 do not include revenues of any mentionable value available. Expenditures for 2011 do not include increases in wages for any employees. New next year is a requirement that noncontract employees contribute 25% of the increase in the premium of their health care. No capital purchases or street paving projects are included in the 2011 budget and the spending for the Summer Festival has been cut to \$17,000.

Other Funds:

| | <u>Proposed 2011 Budget</u> |
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| Industrial Development Authority Fund: | 56,000 |
| Combined Sewer Fund: | 1,485,000 |
| Emergency Contingency Fund: | 891,700 |
| Emergency Management Fund: | 49,000 |
| Capital Reserve Fund | 30,000 |
| Liquid Fuels Fund: | 137,100 |
| Police Pension Fund: | 353,400 |
| Retired Member Death Benefit Fund: | 103,950 |
| Wilkins Twp. Disaster Relief Fund | 1730 |

Proposed expenditures in Industrial Development Authority Fund include \$47,000 to match a DCNR Grant for improvements to Lions Park in accordance with the Master Site Plan completed in 2010 and \$9,000 in funds to continue to update the Township's zoning and land development ordinances.

Proposed uses of funds in the Combined Sewer Fund include collection and payment to ALCOSAN for sewer usage, maintenance and continued improvements to the Township's sanitary lines and the final payment on the 2003 General Obligation Bond.

The Emergency Contingency Fund contains the remnants of the settlement dollars from ProCare. In 2011, \$400,000 will be transferred to the General Fund to balance the budget and the remaining funds are contemplated to be used to balance the 2012 General Fund Budget.

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The Emergency Management fund includes funding for police, fire and public works radios and equipment.

The Capital Reserve Fund is expected to be depleted before the end of 2010, due to cost over runs on the Balint Lane Bridge and Wilbur Street wall projects. Funds will need to be transferred from either the General Fund or the Emergency Contingency Fund to finish improvements to Balint Lane Bridge and to pay for any prior year real estate tax appeals that were successfully challenged by property owners in the Township.

Funds in the Liquid Fuels account are required to be utilized for specific purposes by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For 2011, these uses include reimbursement for labor for road maintenance and construction and reimbursement for street lighting.

The funds available in the Police Pension Fund are a combination of required contributions by the Township (\$198,800), State Aid (\$105,000) and employee contributions (\$48,000). These funds will be invested by PNC in a portfolio of assets on behalf of the fund.

The Retired Members Death Benefit fund is a self-funded insurance policy for retirees of the Township. Beneficiaries of deceased Public Works retirees receive \$9,000 and beneficiaries of deceased Public Safety retirees receive \$7,500.

Funds in the Disaster Relief account will be used mainly to aid the Red Cross Committee in purchasing needed supplies for emergency sheltering of residents affected by natural and/or other disasters.

The next Budget Meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2010.

(254-10) MOVED PADULA-COSTA to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary