

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BUDGET MEETING, MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

The Budget Meeting of Monday, October 29, 2012 was brought to order at 6:00PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli                      Ms. Criner  
Mr. Costa      Mr. Wilson      Mr. Boyd

Mrs. Bradley reviewed changes that were made to the General Fund Budget since the last meeting. It should be noted that as of this time, there are no changes recommended for any of the other funds of the Township. For the General Fund, the following issues still need to be resolved: 1) the first reading of the budget is less than a month away and we still do not know what Assessed values to use to establish a millage rate; 2) the Township has not yet received rates for Workers Compensation, Property, Liability and the blanket policies and 3) the Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement for the Wage Policy Committee (Police) is still open for the issues of healthcare and wages. There is another executive session scheduled on November 20<sup>th</sup> at that time, we are hopeful that an agreement regarding wages will be made. At this time, the budget does not reflect any increases in wages for any department.

The General Fund remains balanced. Some changes and items of note discussed included:

- 1) The projected number for deed transfer tax for 2012 was increased by \$9,000 to account for the sale of 3484-3500 William Penn Highway (\$1,900,000). This property sold in October, so the Township anticipates receiving the funds in November.
- 2) The projected number for earned income tax collections (2012) was increased again based upon current collections.
- 3) At the last meeting, Mrs. Bradley advised that she believed that the law had changed regarding the allocation of State Police fines. The law did change, but the change does not affect the Township. State police fines of \$5,000 were added to the 2013 budget.
- 4) The line item 392.002, Transfer from Emergency Contingency Fund, was decreased by \$34,200. Due to changes in the projections for 2012
- 5) The Township was notified that unemployment compensation tax would increase from 1.1% of the first \$8,000 of employee earnings to 1.45% of the first \$8,500 of employee earnings. The change in rate is through U-Comp and Mrs. Bradley is currently talking to PSAB to determine whether or not we can get a better rate. The change in the amount of compensation that is taxable is a change in the state law (Act 60). With the passage of this law, the wage base will increase each year beginning of 2013 until it reaches a base of \$10,000 in 2018. Changes were made to all of the unemployment compensation accounts in the budget (expense accounts ending in 162).

Additional relatively small adjustments were made to the budget, but it remains balanced with \$4,833,200 in Revenues and Expenditures.

The next budget meeting will be held on November 12, 2012.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley  
Secretary