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**LIMERICK TOWNSHIP - BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING MINUTES**

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**OCTOBER 22, 2016  
9:00 A.M.**

A meeting of the Limerick Township Board of Supervisors was held on Saturday, October 22, 2016, in the Public Meeting Room of the Limerick Township Municipal Building with Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., Chairman, presiding. This meeting was advertised in The Mercury on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

**Members Present:** Supervisors Thomas J. Neafcy, Jr., Kara Shuler, Kenneth W. Sperring, Jr., D. Elaine DeWan, and Joseph St. Pedro

**Others Present:** Daniel K. Kerr, Township Manager; Beth F. DiPrete, Asst. Twp. Mgr./Treasurer; and Gregory R. Breyer, Director of Emergency Services

**Call To Order:** Mr. Neafcy called the meeting to order at 9:09 A.M. Mr. St. Pedro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Opening Comments/Announcements**

**Oath of Office – Fire Policers**

**Linfield Fire Company**

- Richard Dunn
- William P. Rumler

Mr. Neafcy had the honor of performing the formal public swearing in ceremony for Linfield Volunteer Fire Company's new Fire Police Officers.

**Motion was made** by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, to appoint Richard Dunn and William P. Rumler as Linfield Fire Company Fire Police Officers. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** None.

**Bills List:** Upon motion made by Ms. DeWan and seconded by Mr. St. Pedro, Bills List #22 for the period of 10/01/16 through 10/14/16 in the amount of \$54,313.35 was unanimously approved.

**New Business**

**Discussion – Sewer Authority:** Mr. Kerr discussed the current status of the pending sale of the sewer system. It was offered that discussion continues with both PECO and Exelon on gaining approval to sign over the existing agreements and easements in place that permitted the construction and operation of the Possum Hollow treatment plant and associated collection lines. Mr. Kerr also noted that staff is putting in a lot of hours keeping up with all the requests for information from the bidders. The Township consultants are reporting that the process continues

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to move along very well and that the preparation we put in early on is helping to keep the project on schedule.

Discussion – 2017 Budget:

Ms. DiPrete and Mr. Kerr began discussion with the Board on the routine operating issues of each department. The first was the Public Works Department with a review of their 2017 operating numbers. A review of their capital requirements for equipment and road projects was presented, along with their request for an additional employee on the road crew. Also reviewed was a restructuring of the department; including a request by Mr. Bradford to add a crew leader position and also a foreman, which would require approximately \$17,000.

We also reviewed the Park Maintenance Crew and their desire for equipment, replacement of vehicles, and a future desire to reconstruct the soon to be twenty year old wooden castle at Manderach Playground. A restructuring of the park crew was also discussed which would add a foreman who would be promoted from the current staff.

The Parks and Recreation review included a look at the 2017 summer camp program which will be 7 weeks instead of 8. An update on camp salaries was offered which is suggested to increase base line salaries slightly to be more competitive with local job ranges. Also reviewed, was a desire for a software reporting system for the department.

The proposed operations of the Sewer Department was offered and noted that depending on the timing of the closing if a sale bid is approved, the Township could still be in control for a good portion of next year and a budget needs to be established. The review included a look at operations and capital and the Board was in agreement with all and there was no further discussion.

The Administration's 2017 operational budget was discussed along with the capital requests, which includes a new host server and police terminal server. Unfunded requests discussed include the need for a fulltime janitor that will service the new Public Works Facility and the temporary office facility. Additionally, a discussion with the Board regarding a desire for a Right-to-Know Coordinator based on the Right-to-Know Law along with an IT recovery or a cloud backup service.

After a break for lunch Mr. St. Pedro left for the day to attend to family matters. Linfield Fire Company was then in and represented by President Rich Flynn and Treasurer Billy Rumler to review their new building project. Fire Marshal, Greg Breyer was also in attendance. A discussion on their projected building budget of \$3Million took place, which will include renovation of the existing building and construction of a pole barn. The Board offered feedback that they should consider a similar approach to what Limerick Fire Company undertook, in which the existing building was demolished and new facility was constructed. It was noted that

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they got a bigger bang for their budget by not renovating and they were encouraged to look at this option and hopefully it would eliminate the need for the separate pole barn building. It was reiterated that financing for their project would be considered for the 2018 Budget and as such, no further financial details were required at this point of time.

Mr. Breyer then offered the Board a follow-up of his Rental Inspection Program and desire for an additional Fire Inspector. Mr. Breyer reviewed all departmental tasks and duties and noted that the additional personnel would not only handle the Rental Inspection Program, but would also assist Greg and Mike with their routine weekly duties.

Mr. Breyer left the meeting at this time, along with Mr. Sperring for work-related issues.

Ms. DiPrete and Mr. Kerr offered a summary review of all Capital Projects and Unfunded Requests discussed throughout the day and noted that the issues approved by the Board will be included in the final Preliminary Budget scheduled to be before the Board at their November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Discussion around projected deficits and possible tax increases for new personnel and two police positions, that remain unfunded from the 2016 Budget, will also be summarized on the 15<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Supervisor Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, **motion was made** by Mr. Neafcy and seconded by Ms. DeWan to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Daniel K. Kerr  
Township Manager