

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2008 - 3:00 P.M.

The Special Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Barnhart at 3:00 P.M. followed by the pledge to the Flag and Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Barnhart, Raubenstine, Williams, Parr and Gobrecht. Manager Richardson was also present.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND COMMENTS: There were none.

Chairman Barnhart indicated that this Special Meeting has been advertised and will be to discuss the 2009 Budget or any other business that should come before the Board.

Each of the Board members has reviewed the proposed draft of the Budget that they received at the last meeting. Andy also distributed copies of Resolution #2008-07 which lists current salaries of Township employees. Supervisor Barnhart had instructed Andy to look into the possibility of including cost of living and merit increases for employees, paid EMT's and the repair of several roads into the Budget without an increase in taxes. They decided this could be done by using some of the money coming from the sale of the water company. This move would decrease the amount of money in the Long Term Reserve Fund which was established this year to collect the proceeds from the sale of the water system to the York Water Company. The Board discussed moving \$750,000.00 into the General Fund to cover these extra expenses. This action would allow \$1,250,000.00 to remain in the Long Term Reserve Fund. After some discussion on specific line items, Supervisor Raubenstine made a motion to adopt the proposed draft of the Budget as it is at this time to include all ten Funds. Supervisor Gobrecht seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Board was advised that the Proposed Budget will be advertised as available for public review for twenty days. A Special Meeting will then be advertised for December 29, 2008 in order to adopt the 2009 Budget.

In other business, Kathy Charles, a representative of Benecon, was present to discuss the addition of part-time employees to the Township Insurance Plan. Benecon is the consulting firm for the Township Insurance Company. She explained that changes would need to be made to the Plan to allow part-time employees to join. Presently, the health insurance is offered only to employees who work 40 hours per week. The Board of Supervisors could make the changes and stipulate that only the employee would be eligible. It would not include the spouse or immediate family. The premium would be the same as for a full-time employee. Kathy Charles will forward her recommendations to the Board in writing before any action is taken.

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Supervisor Barnhart informed the Board that he has received correspondence from PSATS indicating that Keith Hite, Executive Director, is retiring and they are searching for a candidate to replace him. He also received a letter from Representative Ron Miller indicating Senator Jim Rhoades died recently in a car accident.

Supervisor Raubentine will be attending a seminar on the new state Open Records Law that goes into effect in January of next year. Supervisor Parr and Manager Richardson will also attend.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjournment was at 4:07 p.m. in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy C. Smith
Secretary