

WEST MANHEIM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Work Session

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 7:00 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the West Manheim Township Board of Supervisors was held on the above date and time at the Municipal Building at 2412 Baltimore Pike.

The Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Hartlaub followed by the Pledge to the Flag and the Invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present were Supervisors Hartlaub, Williams, Woerner and Gobrecht. Also present were Solicitor Linus Fenicle and Manager Kevin Null.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Hartlaub reported that the Board of Supervisors met in Executive Session prior to tonight meeting to discuss personnel issues.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Visitor's Register Attached.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The Agenda was approved in a motion by Supervisor Gobrecht and seconded by Supervisor Williams. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting of December 1, 2011 were approved, as submitted, in a motion by Supervisor Williams seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DISBURSEMENTS: The Disbursements for the Month of December, 2011, from all Funds, were approved as listed in a motion by Supervisor Williams seconded by Supervisor Woerner. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Supervisor Hartlaub opened the floor for residents concerns and comments. The following residents spoke against the proposed tax increase:

Frank Kadyszewski – 265 Valley View Drive
Dave Barber – 25 KenLee Circle
Stan Werkheiser – 60 Sara Lane

The following residents spoke in favor of the tax increase:

Glen Gobrecht – 138 Skylite Drive

The following residents had general question concerning the use of fund strictly for road projects:

Peggy Hawkins – 390 Hobart Road

Supervisor Woerner reported that senior citizens and low income residents may be able to receive financial help through Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program. Information on the program can be found in the front lobby and the tax office.

Supervisor Woerner offered his congratulations to Supervisor Williams.

Supervisor Woerner spoke about the accomplishments of the Board of Supervisors that have been achieved during the past two years. This is only a short list of accomplishments. Over the last two years, the Board has hired a new township manager and created and implemented a personnel policy. The Board has increased transparency by showing expenditures on the big screen at every meeting and allowing residents to ask questions. The Board has improved information flow by upgrading the township website, which is a lot easier to navigate, has a meeting schedule on the homepage, contains a chart of the tax breakdown between school, county and township taxes and made zoning and other ordinances easier to locate. We have reduced the cost to operate the township building by changing HVAC zones, modifying programmed thermostats to operate at maximum efficiency and moving employees to one corridor, increasing efficiency and productivity. The Board has lowered the sewer payment structure to lower costs to the average resident that is connected to sewer. We are continuing to work with DEP on sewer issues and they are impressed with our system of tracking and documenting the necessary information, so much so, that DEP is sending down other DEP representatives to see how we are doing it. As for the roads, should this budget be approved, the township will be taking on major road repair and construction projects within the next 18-24 months to improve our road systems. Since the year 2000, our population growth has increased 50+% and far outpaced our road infrastructure. The road system has been left behind for too long. We are now sealing cracks in our roads to maintain and extend their lifecycles. We have updated snow plow routing assignments, purchased a salt brine pre-treating system allowing our road crew to be more prepared, improve planning and keep the roads clearer longer during inclement weather. The Township has also secured a grant for \$595,000 to improve the intersection at Fuhrman Mill Road and Baltimore Pike. Some of these things have never been done before and every resident has and will benefit now and into the future.

Action Items:

(A). Resolution # 2011-20

Adoption of the 2012 Budget

In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried on a roll call vote, the Board adopted the 2012 budget as advertised.

(B) Resolution # 2011-21

Establishing the tax rate for 2012 at 3.0 Mills or 30 cents per \$100 of assessed value. Reauthorizing the Street Light Tax Levy; the South Western School District Wage Tax Levy and the Per Capita Tax Levy.

In a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Gobrecht and carried on a roll call vote, the Board adopted the Tax for 2012; the Street Light Tax Levy; the South Western School District Tax Levy and the Per Capita Tax Levy.

(C) Resolution # 2011-22

Authorization for the transfer of unencumbered monies from various budget accounts to other various budget accounts showing deficit amounts.

In a motion by Supervisor William, seconded by Supervisor Woerner, and carried, on a roll call vote, the Board approved the transfer of funds to settle the accounts of 2011.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS: Next Scheduled Meetings: Supervisors Reorganization Meeting– Tuesday, January 3, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. with Supervisors Caucus at 5:00 P.M. The Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting will be held immediately thereafter.

ADJOURNMENT: The Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM in a motion by Supervisor Williams, seconded by Supervisor Woerner and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Smith
Secretary