

**CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP & OTHER BUSINESS
Wednesday
October 1, 2024
4:15 P.M.**

The Budget Workshop was called to order at 4:15 P.M. Tuesday, October 1, 2024.

ATTENDANCE:

Attending the workshop were Supervisors Bronwyn Kolovich, Harlan Shober and Frank Wise. Also attending were Jodi L. Noble-Township Manager, Judy Taylor, Treasurer; and Jamie Rozzo, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Noble discussed the Bond Issue with the Supervisors. They decided on the final projects for Bond Issue. They are not to exceed \$3 million, which was decided on their September 24, 2024, meeting. The duration of the loan is 20 years.

The items approved for the bond issue are

- Police locker room/improvements
- Satellite Salt Storage Facility
- Public Works Garage Renovations
- Windows at the Township Building
- Pickleball Courts
- Shaded Pavilion Area for Parks and Recreation
- Community Center Updates/Renovations
- Phase II Arnold Park Expansion to include trails/possible multi use field areas
- Allison Hollow resurfacing/slide repair
- Siek Road Reconstruction

Approximate estimate for these items will be \$2,650,000.00

Mrs. Noble went over some of the smaller funds. Jodi overestimates our expenses and underestimates our revenues in the practice of conservative budgeting. This method has worked for the township in the past and kept the township sustainable during past years that revenues were low.

Friends of the Park hasn't seen a lot of activity this year. The budget was kept conservative. We make a small amount of interest on this fund but in past years this fund has not received a lot of additional funding. The new Parks and recreation Director has been actively working to help Friends of the Park. We hope to see an improvement in this fund over the next year.

The Arden Force Main Fund: The Arden Pump Station is in the process of being upgraded. Tap in Fees from this area have been reserved here, to help fund the upgrade, as well as the interest being made on this fund. Chartiers is partnering with South Strabane on this project as it will be a benefit to them as well.

Rt 18 Debt Service was refinanced in 2021 to save interest. The Township also paid down the balance with excess funding in this fund to reduce the payments required by the residents. This Debt Service is self-sustaining. Canton and Chartiers partner on Rt. 18 Debt Service. Chartiers has an agreement with Canton. Chartiers holds the entirety of the loan but both Townships make their payments directly to the loan holder per their agreement.

McClane Farm Road Debt Service is self-sustaining. Interest rates didn't need to increase for this fund. The residents Debt Service has remained the same.

Midland Debt Service was refinanced in 2021. The refinance helped the fund, however it's not self-sustaining. This fund continues to look better than it has in prior years with the help of our sewer clerk collecting past due funds.

Revenue Gaming is funded by casino revenue and interactive gaming. Jodi has kept the budget modest for next year. This township is limited to what this fund can be spent on. The Township provides a supplemental report on the expenses every year to the state.

The Fire Tax Fund will make approximately \$170,000 this year along with \$7,000 in interest.

Liquid Fuels receives \$337,000 in state aid. This fund helps with the Townships Road Program. With the mild winters we have been experiencing in recent years, the Township reduced its salt budget for this year. We currently have more than enough stored in our storage facility.

The Light & Hydrant Fund is self-sustaining. Our profits go towards new light and fire hydrant installations.

Act 13 was budgeted modestly for this year in expectation of another low impact fee year due to the low price of natural gas.

The American Recovery Act funds need to be allocated by the end of this year. The board has decided to use funds from Act 13 to purchase a new police car that is needed.

The budget meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Secretary, Frank Wise Jr.

Recording Secretary, Jamie Rozzo