

**CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP & OTHER BUSINESS
TUESDAY
October 19, 2021
4:30 P.M.**

The Budget Workshop was called to order, at 4:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 19, 2021.

ATTENDANCE:

Attending the workshop were Supervisors Gary Friend, Bronwyn Kolovich and A. William Kiehl. Also attending were Jodi L. Noble-Township Manager, Judy Taylor Treasurer and Jamie Rozzo, Recording Secretary

Department Heads presented their departmental budget requests in person for the Board's consideration as follows:

1. Adam McGurk – Planning/Zoning Department: Needs presented include:

Mr. McGurk went over a demonstration of the GIS mapping system with the board. This is a mapping software program. Not only does this system save time but it also saves us money. This system streamlines information, allowing Adam to provide residents with quicker more efficient answers than the previous procedure in place. Gateway is planning on training Adam to use the system more in depth and for further uses. For example, you can make plans for snow routes etc. Our data is updated by the Public Works Department. This system can be used for more than planning/zoning department. It's worth the cost incurred.

Other costs for his department are minimal.

2. Edward Jeffries - Public Works Department: Needs presented include

Ed has suggested we purchase a skid steer and zero turn mower. He gave 3 options and quotes for each item.

Initial discussions focused on the Caterpillar as it was a cheaper purchase price for a Skid Steer. However, it was determined if we purchase one. Bobcat has a building in Chartiers, and it would be cost efficient in the long run to go with the Bobcat brand. Ed has suggested a "Track" zero turn mower as suggested and recommended by the dealer. The board will discuss which mower they should go with.

3. Chief James Horvath - Police Department: Needs presented include:

Chief would like to hire another patrol officer. This would allow for 3 officers on each shift and would allow officers to take vacations, etc. without being short staffed or incurring overtime. He is also in need of a Repeater and police car this year. Many municipalities are being told the cars they order this year will not be delivered until 2023. The car dealer has one in stock for Chartiers. Jodi Noble authorized the Chief sign the contract for the car to lock in the price as prices are going up along with wait times. Additionally, we did not purchase a car this year, so we are behind.

Insurance Renewal- The board has decided to go with the Difference Card. This plan will provide the same coverage and add additional savings for the Township and Employees.

Kym Secreet has increased her fee for 2022 by \$5 per month. The board agreed to this change as she has not raised prices in years.

We have lost interest with Rev. Gaming this year. Online gaming did help this fund as it was added this year.

Our Local Services Tax has gone down due to the state of the economy and number of people working from home.

The Green Light GO Fund reimbursed the Township for the intersection completed last year.

The budget has been increased for Police Uniforms as we have hired two additional police officers in the last year. 25% of the Local Services Tax budget is required to be utilized for Public Safety and we exceed that threshold. .

The Road Construction and Highway Budget was increased by an additional \$10,000 due to road work projects and price increases.

Liquid Fuels has been down due to an increase with electric cars, less traffic, and the pandemic. Jodi kept the budget in line with last year due to the decline.

Act 13 has decreased; we anticipate a slight increase next year. The budget is optimistic but can be decreased if needed.

Police budget was given an increase due to lack of spending last year. This will help with the cost of a new police car.

The Road Repair budget will reflect Mulberry bridge and storm water repairs to take place in 2022.

The agenda focus for the Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Budget Workshop: Parks & Recreation Needs; CTVFD needs; Revenue Fund; Capital Reserve Fund; and American Recovery Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM.

A. William Kiehl
Secretary

Jamie Rozzo – Recording Secretary

