

**CHARTIERS TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP & OTHER BUSINESS
Wednesday
October 3, 2023
4:30 P.M.**

The Budget Workshop was called to order at 4:15 P.M. Tuesday, October 3, 2023.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Mrs. Noble went over some of the smaller funds. Jodi overestimates our expenses and underestimate 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 the revenues were low.

Friends of the Park hasn't seen a lot of activity this year. The budget is conservative. We make a small amount of interest on this fund but do not receive a lot of additional funding. Fundraising would help grow this fund. Currently the Community Center is without a director but once the Township has a new Director in place, we are hopeful they will bring some new ideas to help this fund grow. This group does not have a lot of expenses.

Jodi went over the Community Center Operating Fund. The Community Center is not self-sustaining. She has kept a modest budget for next year. The board and Mrs. Noble will discuss options for the center to become more self-sustaining in the future and possible changes that could benefit the Community Center.

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 that 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. Next year interest rates will increase for this fund. The residents Debt Service may increase slightly, as was in the original ordinance. These residents make their payments regularly and timely.

Midland Debt Service was refinanced in 2021. This helped the fund, but it is not self-sustaining. However, 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.

Kym Secreet, who the township contracts with for animal control, has asked for a modest increase of \$25 per month for her services last year, which the board granted.

The township codified their Ordinances this past year. The Township paid part last year and the remaining balance this year.

Jodi has budgeted for tree trimming again this year as it is important to maintain.

The budget meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Secretary, Gary Friend

Recording Secretary, Jamie Rozzo