

Memo

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Jon Altshul
Re: Consider Adoption of 2017 Budget
Date: December 1, 2016

As you know, the 2017 proposed budget was presented at the November 1 public meeting and was advertised in the *Daily Local News* on November 4, 2016. The Board of Supervisors must now formally adopt the 2017 budget prior to the end of the year.

The budget is slightly changed since the version that was presented on November 1. This revised budget reflects two changes:

- 1) Reducing the WEGO budget by \$51,483 to reflect the WEGO proposed budget v1.7. The Police General Expense figure that appeared in the Township's original November 1 budget reflected my own estimate of police costs, based on the best available information at the time.
- 2) Increasing Consultant costs (in Administration) by \$10,000 to reflect that we will probably not incur any costs for the Paoli Pike Master Plan study until 2017 and the entire \$70,000 will be incurred next year (rather than \$10,000 in 2016 and \$60,000 in 2017, as was originally envisioned).

These changes will reduce the amount of general fund expenses to be paid by fund balance by \$41,483. In addition, as you may remember, I had proposed increasing the line item for Volunteer Firefighters' Workers Comp by \$7,062 to reflect the actual renewals from SWIF. However, this change is no longer necessary as we will receive a credit next year in roughly an equal amount to this increase.

The Board will also need to approve the 2017 Westtown East Goshen Police budget, as well as the non-uniformed Township staff salaries.

Recommended motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move that we approve the 2017 Township Budget in the following amounts:

- 1) A General Fund budget of \$12,376,443 in expenses, of which \$1,610,515 is for pass through accounts and \$10,765,928 is for core Township functions, and \$11,937,731 in revenues, and further that we appropriate \$438,712 from unreserved fund balance to cover the shortfall.
- 2) A State Liquid Fuels Fund budget of \$519,151 in revenues and expenses.
- 3) A Sinking Fund budget of \$1,866,943 in expenses and \$506,688 in revenues.
- 4) A Transportation Fund budget of \$600,000 in expenses and \$260,493 in revenues.
- 5) A Sewer Operating Fund Budget of \$3,543,980 in expenses and \$3,443,980 in revenues.
- 6) A Refuse Fund budget of \$1,072,825 in expenses and \$997,844 in revenues.
- 7) A Sewer Sinking Fund budget of \$75,000 in expenses and \$242,500 in revenues.
- 8) An Operating Reserve Fund budget of \$0 in expenses and \$6,500 in revenues.

9) An Events Fund budget of \$75,041 in expenses and \$15,014 in revenues.

I further move that we approve the Westtown East Goshen Police budget, Version 1.7, in the gross amount of \$7,429,028 and the net amount of \$6,164,105, of which East Goshen's share is \$3,451,899.

I further move that we approve the 2017 staff salaries as proposed.