

A budget workshop with the Supervisors was held Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Building. The workshop was advertised as required by law in the local paper. Barry Schrope called the workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Vicki Jenkins, Dave Jenkins, Dexter Potter, Sue Flickinger, Phil Vogel and David Mills.

David Mills asked the supervisors to continue funding recreation in the township. David asked where will there funding money go, into the capital reserve account or their account. Barry Schrope said it depends on how much money they have in their account for their budget. Jeff Smith stated the 2023 donation went into the capital reserve account. David asked where the 2024 donation would go to. Jeff said it all depends, because the rec board currently has enough money in their account to cover their budget. David said he has confusion on the rec board ordinance (see copy on file) and what authority does it give them. Jim Fuller asked if there was any mention of finances in the ordinance. Vicki Jenkins states she thinks the ordinance is saying the rec board has the authority to do things but all expenditures must be run through the Board of Supervisors. David said where there is so much double talk here and he doesn't know where the rec board goes with this. David said there's no mention of having a treasurer in the ordinance. Jim stated when the ordinance was created 30 years ago the supervisors made it clear they didn't want anything to do with it or the township secretary to do anything and so the board was left with no alternative but to make their own treasurer. David said it's been like this for years and now the supervisors want to change everything and create issues. David would like to know why the rec board is submitting their budget when the supervisors are doing it for them. Jim stated the supervisors do not want to do the budget for them; the rec board would do the budget and then present it to the supervisors. David said that's what they've done in the past but now the supervisors have thrown out this ordinance like jokers wild and said you will abide by this. Vicki stated the supervisors have never received the rec boards budget prior to the supervisors passing their budget to know what the rec board's budget was going to be and that is why the township auditors made a recommendation to the rec board to have the rec board budget to the supervisors prior to them adopting the budget in December. Barry said he would've already redone the ordinance but Jim said he does not want him to make any decisions that are going to affect the future, so someone else will have to bring it up. David said he is not going through the whole thing with Barry, is the rec board going to abide by this ordinance or are they not. Barry said the supervisors have already somewhat amended this ordinance by saying the rec board can spend up to \$500 on expenditures without approval. David asked about the purchase of a pole saw and a chainsaw and that they received a lower quote from Latchford's for \$1105. Barry Schrope made a motion to purchase the pole saw and chainsaw, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. David asked if the rec board needs to make their budget and present it to the supervisors; the supervisors said yes.

Vicki Jenkins advised she has received several complaints about the property at 1581 New Bloomfield Road. Vicki said Lester Nace was out and spoke to the owner but did not know where it stood currently. Jim Fuller said Wells Fargo has placed locks on the house and shed and that the owner got in trouble for trespassing. Vicki asked who can condemn the property. Jeff Smith stated he believes the Sheriff's Office. Jeff advised he will speak to the Sheriff's Office and see what can be done.

Vicki Jenkins advised she has received a phone call from a resident on Basin Hill Road regarding speeding. The resident asked if the speed limit could be lowered to help with the situation.

Jim Fuller spoke of a reoccurring issue on Montebello Farm Road. Jim advised the resident has placed a brick at the mailbox of his neighbor that could cause damage and has placed no trespassing signs again against the road which the township has previously told him to keep them back at the right of way line and he did that for a while; now he seems to be testing the township. Jim asked couldn't the township fine \$500 per day till the resident would get the signs down. Barry Schrope stated you would have to give the resident so much time to comply. Jeff Smith stated he doesn't think the township has an ordinance like that.

The supervisors went over the preliminary proposed budget for 2024. Dexter Potter stated for next year he would like to replace eight 15" pipes on Shermans Drive and Dellville Dam and black top those roads the following year, seal coat Mountain Road, Cook Road and Roseglen Road from Windy Hill to Rt. 274 (approx. 4 ½ miles) and paving Roseglen Road from Windy Hill to Dellville Road (approx. ¾ mile). Jeff Smith thought it would be a good idea to purchase a backhoe or a dump truck with the ARPA money. Jim Fuller suggested buying a skid loader. Dexter will get rough numbers on a truck, backhoe and skid

loader for the next workshop. There were some items that need to be looked further into for the next workshop.

Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the workshop, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Workshop adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins
Twp. Secretary

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