

NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
NORTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 19, 2015
7:30 PM

Chairman Ronald Heintzelman call the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance were Supervisors Steve Pany and Richard Celmer and Manager Jeff Bartlett

New Business:

Discussion of Proposed 2016 General Fund Budget and Small Fund Budgets
Manager Bartlett gave a brief overview of the proposed General Fund Budget. Several draft errors were noted and corrected to be included in the final budget to be presented at the November BOS meeting. General revenues were discussed with steady or increased revenue expected for 2016.

The issue of Summer camps was discussed with the possibility of ending the program due to lack of attendance. Other items of interest included increased contributions to the Fire and Ambulance Departments. Medical insurance premiums were viewed with major concern. Steve Pany noted that alternate plans may need to be adopted or a reduced staffing plan be instituted to contain these costs. Transfers to both the Capital Fund and Road Machinery Fund were discussed. It was suggested to increase the proposed wage increases for non-union employees be adjusted to the union wage increases. The small fund budgets were presented detailing proposed projects and major purchases. At the suggestion of Steve Pany, the capital project to replace the Park Valley Rd bridge was downsized to only include re-decking as opposed to full replacement. Included was the installation of a fire suppression system for the PW garage. Liquid fuels budget will be increasing approximately \$90,000 due to state increases. Several road equipment purchases were discussed for inclusion in the Road Machinery Budget. No fee increases were proposed for the street light and sewer funds.

Public Comments: Jim Morrison inquired about a contribution to Friedens Fire company. This item was not included in the budget.

Mark Hills commented on the fire suppression system and inquired about reduced insurance costs with this new protection.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm, motion by Pany second by Celmer.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Bartlett, Acting Secretary