

October 9, 2013
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the FINANCE COMMITTEE was held tonight, Chairman Dan Norris presiding. Members present were Commissioners Sharkey, Simon, Hampton and Portner. Also present was Ex-Officio Member Haywood.

Staff members present were Township Manager Bryan Havir and Acting Director of Fiscal Affairs Bruce Rangnow. Also in attendance were Finance Officer Stephen Burns and Township Solicitor Joseph Bagley, Esq. A Public Attendance List is attached.

1. A review of the Executive Financial Summary Report for the period ended September 30, 2013 was unanimously received by the Committee.

2. Carrie Turner, President and CEO of the Libraries, requested a 4% increase for the libraries' 2014 Operating Budget equaling \$63,000. These funds would include monies for floating hours, salary increases and extra personnel. Ms. Turner mentioned that 'flat-funding' is difficult for the libraries.

Mr. Haywood requested more information on how decisions would be made to furlough library employees or close the budget gap if the Commissioners elect not to approve the requested 4% increase. He also asked Ms. Turner to provide clarification to the Commissioners on what is causing the proposed 2014 Budget with a "zero" percent increase to result in a need for \$63,000 in new Township operational funding.

Mr. Norris asked for information on what the intended salary increases would consist of that were outlined in the 2014 proposed Budget. In addition, he inquired about combining the cash surplus for the libraries into the fund balance of the Township. The Committee members were not supportive of this.

Mr. Sharkey asked Mr. Havir how much of the libraries proposed 2014 capital projects were intended to be presented to the Commissioners for consideration at the next budget workshop. Mr. Havir said it was a total of \$91,000 and explained the proposed costs.

Mr. Sharkey asked for more detailed information on library fundraising efforts, inclusive of grant funding, as these income resources are important considerations in the libraries long range strategic plan that is currently being developed. Commissioner Simon asked how much of the proposed "Gifts for Other Items" expenditures comes from the 'Friends' Campaign fundraising. He was also concerned with the lack of clarity in how the proposed income from "Gifts and Donations" was being specifically used for "Gifts for Other Items" expenditures in the proposed 2014 Budget, and that the titling of "Gifts for Other Items" might be better defined if it was titled "Expenditure Use of Restricted Funding".

Ms. Turner said she would compile all of the above requested information being requested and submit it at the next Budget Workshop scheduled for November 12, 2013.

3. Joseph Stuckert, Fire Chief and Executive Secretary for Glenside Fire Company, spoke on behalf of all five fire companies. He requested that the Commissioners consider approving a 5% increase in 2014 Budget. This increase would put the fire companies back to the funding level as existed back in 2009. The requested increase would amount to \$75,000, or \$15,000 per Fire Company.

Mr. Norris questioned whether or not the fire department's cash reserve balances could be merged with the Township's.

Mr. Norris thanked all of the many members of the fire companies for their contributions to the community as volunteers which is very much appreciated.

The request for a 5% budget increase will be considered at the next Budget Workshop.

4. Mr. Norris provided a brief recap on the 2014 Proposed Operating Budget from the October 1, 2013 Workshop.

5. Old Business - None.

6. New Business.

Mr. Norris announced that there would be a second Budget Workshop to be held at the Township Administration Building on November 12, 2013 from 2-5PM.

7. Citizen's Forum – None

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Committee unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Per: Bruce A. Rangnow
Acting Director of Fiscal Affairs

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST
Finance Committee @ 7:30 AM
Public Works Committee @ 7:45 PM
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
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