

October 14, 2009  
Township Building

A regular meeting of **FINANCE COMMITTEE** was held tonight, Chairman Morton J. Simon, Jr. presiding. Members present were Commissioners McKeown, Muldawer, Portner, Sharkey and Swavola. Also present was ex-officio member Greenwald. Staff members present were Township Manager David G. Kraynik; Director of Fiscal Affairs Elizabeth McBride and Assistant Township Manager Bryan Havir. Also present were Finance Officer Steven Burns and Township Solicitor Joseph Bagley. A Public Attendance list is attached.

1. The Committee discussed the financial position of the Township based on the September 2009 Executive Financial Summary Report. Committee members commented that they are pleased that expenses are in line with budgeted amounts and revenue is tracking favorably.

2. Upon motion of Commissioner Greenwald, and approved by the Committee, it was recommended to the Board of Commissioners that the following transfers within the 2009 Operating Budget be approved by Resolution:

**By Resolution**

<i><b>From</b></i>		<i><b>To</b></i>	
<u>Administration</u>		<u>Administration</u>	
01-007-00 Advertising & Printing	\$ 7,000	01-005-00 Office Supplies & Postage	\$ 6,700
		01-010-00 Assoc Dues & Expenses	\$ 300
<u>Building and Zoning</u>		<u>Building and Zoning</u>	
01-131-70 Other Expenses	\$ 3,900	01-133-70 CLG Expenses	\$ 3,900
<u>Finance Office</u>		<u>Finance Office</u>	
01-112-50 Earned Income Tax Collection	\$ 2,500	01-113-50 Local Services Tax	\$ 2,500

3. Old Business

Mr. Sharkey shared comments/questions regarding the budget being prepared for 2010. He asked (1) if there was any progress made in closing the gap since last week's budget workshop, (2) if consideration should be given to freezing merit increases, (3) if a legal determination could be made regarding wage freezes and the Township's contractual obligations with unions, and (4) if consideration could be given to reducing employee headcount.

Mr. McKeown referenced a newspaper article ("Suburban Governments Wrestle With Deficits") which appeared in The Philadelphia Inquirer on October 12, 2009. He requested a review of the need for the current number of police vehicles and non-uniformed staff vehicles. He would like to determine if it is more cost efficient to eliminate some Township provided vehicles and simply reimburse the employees for the mileage costs they may incur while driving their personal cars while on Township business. Further, Mr. McKeown questioned if those who take the Township provided vehicles home need to do so, if any full-time employees can be replaced with part-time employees and if street maintenance can be postponed.

Chairman Simon questioned the impact on state funding if street maintenance was postponed.

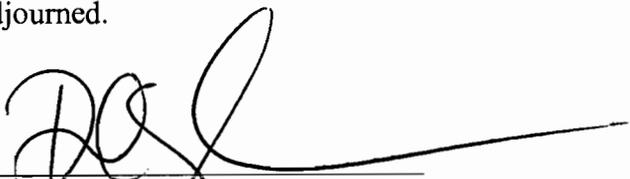
Township Manager Kraynik responded to the concerns and suggestions of Commissioners Sharkey and McKeown. He informed the Finance Committee that the department heads have been directed to review their proposed 2010 budgets to determine any cost savings and to determine the impact on services if reductions were enacted. Mr.

Kraynik referenced a letter he had given to the Commissioners during the 2009 budget preparation which detailed the impact to services if budget cuts occurred and he emphasized that it is the Commissioners' decision as to which services continue and which, if any, are eliminated. He highlighted the fact that if the number of street maintenance personnel is reduced, those same individuals are the ones who pick up leaves in the autumn and plow snow in the winter and thus, those services would be reduced.

4. Citizens Forum.

Diane Williams of LaMott thanked Mr. Sharkey and Mr. McKeown for their concern over the proposed 2010 budget. Ms. Williams questioned the process of assessing for real estate tax purposes those properties within the boundaries of Cheltenham Township that have Philadelphia zip codes. Mr. Greenwald explained that the assessments are issued by the Montgomery County Board of Assessments who issues them by parcel number and assured Ms. Williams that the zip code does not factor into the assessment for Township real estate tax collection purposes. Mr. Portner reminded Ms. Williams that the U.S. Postal Service assigns the zip codes for their own purposes.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Portner, and approved by the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.



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David G. Kraynik  
Township Manager

Per: Elizabeth McBride  
Director of Fiscal Affairs

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE LIST**

**Finance Committee @ 7:30 PM**

**Public Works Committee @ 7:45 PM**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2009**

**Cheltenham Township Administration Building**

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