PINE GROVE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS
175 OAK GROVE ROAD, PINE GROVE, PA 17963
OCTOBER 9, 2006 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

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Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Jerry Wise opened the October 9, 2006 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:40 PM. Attending were Supervisors Wise, Allen Aungst, Herman Clemens and Judith Lehman. (Supervisor Larry Zimmerman joined the meeting in progress at 6:47 PM.) Also present were Sect. / Treas. Kathy Ferguson and Bernard Kulkaski.

General Fund Budget

Wise reviewed the Revenue portion of the budget by line items, pausing for discussion on several issues.

- The need for real estate taxes were discussed; Aungst stated it was not necessary to assess the tax in order to balance our budget.
- Host fees from the landfill were discussed; Zimmerman stated they may not come in this year and Aungst said they should not be put in the general budget, but put into a special reserve account.

Budget Meeting Paused / Resumed

Zimmerman paused the budget meeting at 7 PM in order for the township agenda meeting to be held. At 7:43 PM the agenda meeting concluded and Wise resumed chairing the Budget meeting.

General Fund Budget

Wise reviewed the Expense portion of the budget by line items, pausing for discussion on several issues.

- Zimmerman suggested purchasing a water filtration system as an alternative to buying spring water, no decision was made.
- Ferguson discussed the need to update the computer system and copier, no decision was made.
- Zimmerman said there is a need for a laser for the road crew to use, noting they should use the technology of today.
- Aungst noted money may have to be spent on the Comprehensive Plan.
- Zimmerman said he feels they should be putting money aside for a truck in an equipment fund as we currently have used all equipment fund money.
- Zimmerman said the Board of Supervisors should consider raises for the employees as they are behind Wayne Township in wages. Ferguson said the PSATS wage survey is available for them in the correspondence folder.
- Aungst said they should budget an increase of $200 for the Zoning Officer, Zimmerman agreed and the change was made to the draft budget. Lehman asked what Koontz's status is with his schooling. Zimmerman said he has all but the electrical and he isn't doing that one. Aungst said he needs to set up a meeting with the other municipalities.

Public Comment

- Bernie Kulkaski suggested the township incorporate a property tax with a homestead rebate program.

Adjournment - At 8:50 PM Zimmerman moved to adjourn the meeting, Aungst seconded the motion and all were in favor; motion carried 5 to 0 and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Ferguson, Secretary / Treasurer

Approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 8, 2006.