

Doylestown Township - Ways and Means Committee
Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2022

Meetings held 4th Wednesdays at 7PM.

No meeting in November, December meeting is 2nd Wednesday.

Resident Members	IN	Township Participants	IN
Brenda Bray - Chair	X	Jennifer Herring- Board of Supervisors - Liaison	X
Mike Paulosky – Vice Chair	X	Stephanie Mason – Township Manager	X
Colleen Mullin	X	Ken Wallace – Township Finance Director	X
Joe Delikat	X	Dave Tomko - Township Director of Operations	X
Bob Salanik	X	Ed Ebenbach – Budget Consultant	X
Eric Cornwell	Zoom	Dan Wood – Board of Supervisors	Zoom
Joe Volk	Zoom	Nancy Santacecilia – Board of Supervisors	Zoom

Prior to the start of the meeting, Jennifer Herring stated that in consultation with the township solicitor, that because there were three Board of Supervisors at this meeting the other two Supervisor could not participate in the meeting. They were welcome to listen to the meeting through the zoom connection but could not comment or ask questions during this meeting.

Ms. Bray called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. A quorum was present, and the following matters were discussed.

1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 26, 2022, meeting were approved upon a motion by Joe Delikat and seconded by Colleen Mullin.

2. Review of 2021 Operations

- Ken Wallace and Ed Ebenbach reported that the 2021 Revenues are in excess of Expenses and will be approximately \$500,000 over the September 2021 projection. This is primarily due to excess revenue from the Earned Income Tax and the Local Services Tax, also some expenses were lower than projected.
- The 2021 audit is scheduled to begin with auditor field work around March 14th.
- There is a newly elected tax collector this year and that the 2022 township and county tax bills should be issued on March 1st.

3. 2023 Budget Schedule

- Ed Ebenbach distributed the 2023 Budget Planning Schedule and noted that it was like prior years with a few changes. One change was that the capital plan was being developed 60 days earlier than in prior years.
- Ed Ebenbach noted that all budget meetings would be at 5 p.m. except for the October 4th meeting which would begin at 3 p.m.

4. Community Recreation Center Timeline

- Ms. Mason gave an update on the status of the Recreation Center planning and noted that at the January 18, 2022 meeting, a public presentation was made by the architects and included an estimated cost of \$6,952,452. This was up from the previous cost estimate due to the addition of an emergency generator for the facility, added square footage of the building and the enclosure of the patio.
- The EAC committee is guiding the energy efficiency effort of this project and there could be additional costs associated with the project for geothermal and/or a solar energy array.

- There was a discussion regarding additional costs not included in the architect presentation which will bring the project estimate closer to \$ 8 million.
- Dave Tomko indicated that the project will also need to get a stormwater management permit since some of the previous impervious surfaces are scheduled to be paved or built upon.

5. Funding for Accelerated Roads Maintenance

- Ed Ebenbach and Dave Tomko presented a plan to accelerate the number of roads that are paved in the township each year. The current budget of \$ 1 million allows for about 4 miles of roads to be paved each year, so over a 10-year period 40 miles of the townships 75 miles of roads could be repaved. The concern is that many of the township roads need to be repaved sooner due to their poor condition.
- It should be noted the prior to 2022 less money for roads had been budgeted and approximately 3 miles of roads had been repaved per year.
- The accelerated plan borrows money to repave more roads in the next few years and uses future road budget to pay the debt service.
- The plan developed by the township administrative staff would allow for 32 miles of road to be repaved in the next three years and approximately 2.5 miles over the following 7 years.
- The township is estimating that this plan will pave 49 miles of road over the next 10 years as opposed to 37 miles in the existing budget plan.
- There was a concern raised about borrowing money and maintaining roads in the future.
- With unanimous support of the township administration and members of the ways and means committee, and board liaison, it was recommended to present this plan to the Board of Supervisors for discussion.
- The plan is scheduled to be presented to the BOS on March 15th.

6. Ways and Means Committee report to the BOS

- Brenda Bray distributed the 2021 presentation to the BOS and asked the committee for input for the 2022 presentation.
- A discussion followed and several suggestions were made.

7. Adjournment

- Upon a motion by Joe Delikat and seconded by Mike Paulosky, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm.

8. Next meeting

March 23, 2022

Respectfully Submitted
Robert Salanik