Doylestown Township Ways and Means Committee – Meeting Minutes December 11, 2013

Resident Members	IN	Township Participants	IN
Mark Glassman – Chairman	Y	Ryan Manion - Board of Supervisors	N
Lee Schwarz – Vice Chairman	Y	Rick Colello - Board of Supervisors	Υ
Ed Denton – Secretary	Y		
Brenda Bray	N	Stephanie Mason – Township Manager	Υ
Ed Ebenbach	Υ	Sandra Zadell – Asst. Township Manager	N
		Ken Wallace – Township Finance Director	Υ
		Richard John – Township Operations	Υ
		Karen Sweeney – Parks & Recreation	N
		Sinclair Salisbury – Code Enforcement	N
		Dean Logan – Police Chief	N

Mr. Glassman called the meeting to order at 7pm. A quorum was present and the following matters were discussed.

- 1. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:
 - Mr. Glassman asked if there were any proposed additions or corrections to the prior meeting minutes.
 - None were noted. Mr. Ebenbach motioned that the Minutes be approved. Mr. Schwarz seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

2. 2013 Budget Review:

- The October 31, 2013 Financial Package was distributed to the attendees.
- The discussion began with a review of the Capital budget. Mr. Glassman noted that projected Capital Spend = \$882k vs. Full Year Budget of \$1.95 million.
- Ms. Mason noted that some projects like the Neshaminy Greenway were held up because of delays in permit approvals, etc. which make it difficult to predict when projects will be completed.
- Mr. Ebenbach noted that Capital Budget variances are usually the largest in the Township's Budget. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning ways the Township could enhance the accuracy of the Capital Budget in light of the large variance.
- Mr. Glassman suggested that consideration be given to establishing an "Approved Project List" that could carry over into the following year until each approved Capital Project item was completed.
- Mr. Ebenbach suggested that the Township should consider assigning capital budget numbers for each approved capital project and perhaps implement a Project Management System.
- The Committee then reviewed and discussed other key budget variances.
- Mr. Schwarz suggested that the Committee revisit the dashboard ideas/graphs in 2014.
- Mr. Ebenbach and Mr. Denton agreed and commented that more needs to be done to make the Township's Finances more transparent for the public.
- It was also suggested that the Committee try to identify other financial reports that could be placed on the Township's Website (for example, the 5 year plan, etc.).

In recognition of Mr. Glassman stepping down as a member of the Ways & Means Committee, all the Attendees thanked Mr. Glassman for his years of service to the Township and for his leadership of the Ways & Means Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Edward Denton Secretary