

Oldmans Township Committee
Budget Meeting Minutes
December 21, 2011

A budget meeting of the Oldmans Township Committee was held on December 21, 2011. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Miller at 4:50 PM. This meeting was held in compliance with the Sunshine Law. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: William Miller, Harry Moore and George Bradford.
Also Present: James Hackett, CFO/Treasurer, Rae Walzer, Asst. Treasurer

Auburn Water System: Jack Lynch

Mr. Hackett stated that Auburn Water System is operating within budget this year and he was able to transfer funds to the capital improvement fund. Mr. Lynch presented three budget items for 2012:

1. Auxiliary Generator Connection – There is a manual transfer switch. Stacy Davis came out last year to review. This new connection would allow for emergency connection.
2. Interior painting of piping and equipment – Mr. Lynch would be able to certify that the life expectancy of the paint would last five years.
3. Pump test on both wells – Mr. Lynch would like the wells to be tested after cold weather, possibly March.

There was some discussion as to which items would fall under the capital improvement fund. Mr. Hackett will check with the Township auditor's and Mr. Lynch is to talk with Mr. Hoffman before the end of January in order to prepare the 2012 budget. On a motion from Mr. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was agreed by all that Mr. Lynch would obtain three bids on each job.

Mr. Hackett inquired about the recent electric bill that the Township received. Mr. Lynch checked the system for leaks and did not find any. Mr. Hackett stated that Public Works also checked for leaks and didn't find any. Mr. Miller suggested that the usage could be from the timer. Usage could be from the thermostat stuck on heater. The Committee authorized Mr. Lynch to contact Atlantic Electric.

Mr. Bradford discussed the new turn on/turn off fee. He wanted to make clear that in an emergency, there will not be a fee. The turn on/turn off fee is for delinquent water bills or a residence that is not in use. Mr. Hackett stated that residents should not turn off the water themselves. Mr. Lynch said if someone calls for turn off, it doesn't relinquish them from making their water payments.

Transfer of Funds: Jim Hackett

Mr. Hackett explained what areas are in need of funds; need \$2,400.00. There is \$13,000 available which could be made available to volunteer organizations. If the money is not used it could stay in the reserve for one year and then would transfer to surplus. Most items that the volunteer organizations requested in their budget have a five year life expectancy and could be done through capital funds with no borrowing.

Mr. Miller recommended that the First Aid Squad purchase the oxygen lift assist as there have already been two accidents without the use of the lift.

Mr. Bradford suggested each organization be requested their top priority for the use of the funds. Mr. Moore stated that safety and protection be a priority. Mr. Hackett does not have a "priority list" but guessed that Logan Fire would probably want breath safe equipment or turnout gear. Ms. Reese stated that Auburn Fire would like one set of turnout gear. There was discussion among Mr. Hackett, Ms. Reese and Committee Members about using the same vendor to purchase turnout gear as a cost savings, but more than one quote would still be required. Additional discussion was whether the turnout gear should be in two colors as currently purchased – black for Auburn and tan for Logan, or whether the Township should begin to purchase only one color. Ms. Reese stated that vendors handle both colors and she would like to keep Auburn's color of black turnout gear if the price is the same.

Resolution 2011-135 Transfer of Funds.

Total transfer is \$14,700. On a motion from Mr. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Moore and all agreed to transfer funds.

Mr. Hackett requested another budget meeting. It was agreed to hold one on Thurs., December 29th beginning at 4:30 pm. Temporary budget will be introduced in January, 2012.

JIF – Mr. Hackett stated that the Township received the bill for the upcoming year which is \$500 - \$600 more than last year. The increase was due to workmen's compensation. There was a decrease in liability coverage. Credits were given for attending workshops but the credits have not been received yet. Also expecting a dividend which will be used to pay a portion of the bill. Should have final bill in February.

Public Comment

Bob DelPercio Commended Mr. Hackett for his job. Mr. Hackett stated that he has worked for many municipalities. Oldmans is in the best financial position of them all. State requirements are making things more stringent. Mr. Bradford stated that the Township is trying to maintain stability with no flux in the budget.

Public session closed.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Moore and all agreed to adjourn meeting at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melinda Taylor, Acting Municipal Clerk