



**WARRINGTON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

**ATTENDANCE**

Gerald B. Anderson, Chairperson; John R. Paul, Vice Chairperson; Marianne Achenbach, Secretary/Treasurer; Matthew W. Hallowell, Sr., Member; Shirley A. Yannich, Member. Staff present was James J. Miller, Interim Township Manager; William H.R. Casey, Esq., Barry P. Luber, Chief Financial Officer; Roy Rieder, P.E., Director of Planning/Special Projects; Christian Jones, Director of Water and Sewer Dept., Lee Greenberg, Director of EMS; Deputy Chief Dan Friel; Rick Zeitler, Operations Manager, Water and Sewer Dept., and Barbara Livrone, Executive Assistant to the Interim Township Manager.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Anderson called the work session to order, followed by a moment of silence and pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Anderson stated that during a work session, the Board does not field questions from the public and decisions are not made at a work session.

Mr. Anderson stated assuredly that there will not be a tax increase for 2016 even though the budget has a projected gap of \$210,000. The "rainy day" fund has a balance of \$2.8 million which may be used to help balance the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS (ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS):**

**1. Begin deliberations on 2016 Budget**

Mr. Luber presented a power point presentation to discuss the General Fund Operating Budget, Capital Projects and Debt Service for 2016. After discussing the Township's general economic conditions, Mr. Luber focused on the Township's Funds, which represent Warrington's major operating funds, followed by a discussion on capital and debt service funds. There was also a very brief discussion on the Water/Sewer Fund, focusing primarily on staffing levels.

The proposed revenue is \$12.67 million; proposed expenditures are \$12.88 million with an estimated shortfall of \$210,000.

A significant change to revenue is the decrease in the real estate transfer tax of \$100,000 and an increase in state aid for the township pensions at \$40,000. Mr. Anderson noted that Warrington Township makes a contribution to the employee pension plans.

The SAFER Grant will expire in 2016 thus leaving a decrease in revenue of \$155,000. This grant was used to offset the cost of the township's paid firefighters. Building permit fees are expected to be decreased by \$75,000 from 2015.

Proposed new services were requested from the Police Department to hire a full time police officer mid-year; increase the allocation to the Ambulance Corps for a full-time crew to be staffed at Station #78; hire two part-time park stewards and hire a maintenance operator for the Water and Sewer Department. These expenditures total \$292,000, of which \$75,000 would come from the Water/Sewer Fund.

Board members had general questions throughout the workshop. Since the water and sewer staff is recommending a 3% rate increase, Mr. Anderson inquired when the last water and sewer rate increase went into effect and the percentage of the rate increase from NWWA.

Mr. Anderson asked Mr. Rieder to present a possible acquisition of land from Chesio DiPrato. This 6.8 acre parcel is located on the east side of Stump Road opposite the intersection of Greenwood Terrace and is known as tax map parcel number 50-048-006. The property is surrounded on three sides by township property. The property was appraised at \$125,000 and a second appraisal will be sought. If an Agreement of Sale is obtained, the funds may come from the Bucks County Open Space Program.

Proposed capital projects totaling \$6.6 million consists of \$985,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund; \$2,162,000 from potential Borrowing; \$2,425,000 from the Open Space Fund and \$1,015,000 from the 2014 bond fund.

The Debt Service will increase to pay for \$5 million in capital borrowing. The Twin Oaks debt of \$100,000 will be paid in full in 2017.

The Board agreed to have a second budget presentation at a November supervisors meeting.

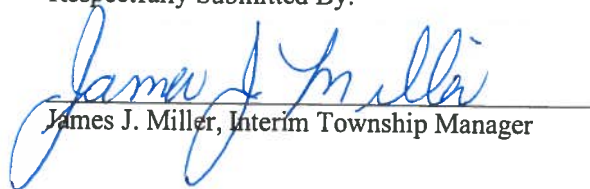
**2. Discuss any other issues to be addressed by the Board of Supervisors**

Mr. Casey handed out an executive summary from Attorney Timothy J. Bergere regarding a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Air Force and the Township. Over the next five years, the Air Force is expected to reimburse the Township approximately \$6 million to fix the water table created by the Willow Grove NAS. This agreement will be presented at the October 27<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mr. Anderson motioned, seconded by Mr. Paul to adjourn the work session at 8:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted By:

  
James J. Miller, Interim Township Manager