

Ligonier Township Supervisors

Special Meeting

16 November 2010

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in special session for two advertised purposes – award the propane bid for the coming year and approve the tentative budget for 2011. Present were Chairman Timothy R Komar, William C Penrod Jr, and Keith A Whipkey.

Bid forms were received from Luther P Miller Company (\$1.85/gallon) and Ferrellgas (\$1.89/gallon). A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to accept the low bid of Luther P Miller. Motion carried.

Treasurer Keith A Whipkey presented the tentative budget for the year 2011. A few exceptional considerations have affected our current financial position but the budgetary impact cannot be clearly seen at this time. Among issues discussed are:

- (1) Though the current year began with exceptionally high costs related to winter snow removal and treatment of roads, the Township was able to recoup some of this cost from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency), use of Liquid Fuel funds resources was depleted to quite a low balance considering the approaching winter months and no expected early release of the gas tax to assist in what is to come. Fortunately, the Roadmasters have been diligent in recovering substantial amounts of anti-skid material from the roads after last winter, and this will serve the Township well.
- (2) Through the end of October, Earned Income Tax receipts are down significantly. There are two more month of receipts left, and it is hoped that there is simply a timing issue. Despite the down economy the past few years, wage taxes have held strongly in Ligonier Township, and for that we are thankful.
- (3) Insurance costs, related to covering employees, has hit the Township hard. Though our employees gain experience and continue to carry out their jobs in a professional manner, insurance premium are based upon average age, and we are paying for this aging process. The exact amount of the increase is not finally set, however it appears to be around 20% over last year.

Despite these issues, and in the faith that wage taxes will once again approximate past experience by year-end, this budget is being proposed with, not only no increase this year, but no anticipated increase in the foreseeable future.

A motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Whipkey to approve the tentative budget. Motion carried.

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There being no further advertised business, a motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey

Secretary