BETHEL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Budget Meeting
November 12, 2018

The Bethel Township Board of Supervisors Budget meeting was called to order by Chairman Jacob Meyer at 6:00 p.m. in the Bethel Township Office.

Attending the meeting were Jake Meyer, Michael Graby, Robbi Lane, Ryan Murphy, Casey Davis and Jayne Seifrit.

2011 Budget – Compared to 2020 - Jayne Seifrit stated it has been said publicly the “warehouses are not doing anything for the Township”. Jayne Seifrit compared the 2011 budget to the proposed 2020 budget. 2011 was the last time there was a real estate tax increase, it went from 1.5 to 2 mills. In 2011 the assessments were $193,485,400.00 equating to $386,970.80 of tax value, using $340,000.00 for budgeting due to not all property owners were paying tax on time. The assessment for 2020 is $321,266,600.00 equating to $642,533.20. It was explained the Earned Income Tax for Bethel Township is also up by about $105,000.00. Jayne Seifrit stated the warehouses have increased the revenue to the Township by half a million dollars in the income areas of the budget.

Budget 2020 – Jayne Seifrit handed out a worksheet for the budget. The income was shown to total $1,516,149.00. The areas that could be increased were highlighted; those being real estate, Berks EIT, health insurance reimbursement, and transfer from general funds. The expenses were brought forward from prior budgets and calculation revised for the areas where information was known (county radio cost, contract wages etc.). Each area of the expenses was discussed and tweaked. The Police Department asked to hire two more full time employees and two part time employees. Chief Ryan Murphy stated the department would then be a 24/7 department. He explained the backup from adjacent municipalities or State Police is either not available or slow (PSP), we would be able to protect the Township. The Public Works department would need to have roughly $400,000.00 to do the roads they looked at repairing/paving in 2020. The Money would be there using funds from 2019 income and the Capital Reserve account. Jayne Seifrit stated the building loan could be paid off in 2019 with income not budgeted for and received, and therefore not needing to budget the payment in 2020. It was agreed to look at numbers for full time police department, paying off building loan and money for the road work. Jayne Seifrit will double check numbers for the 2020 budget and relay information to those in attendance.

Mike Graby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jake Meyer. All agreed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectively Submitted

Jayne K Seifrit
Township Secretary Treasurer