

The Springettsbury Township Board of Supervisors held a Work Session on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the offices of Springettsbury Township located at 1501 Mt. Zion Road, York, PA.

MEMBERS IN

ATTENDANCE: Mark Swomley, Chairman
George Dvoryak
Kathleen Phan
Blanda Nace
Bill Schenck

ALSO IN

ATTENDANCE: Kristen Denne, Township Manager
Christopher King, Solicitor
Jean Abreght, Stenographer

1. CALL TO ORDER

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley reconvened the meeting recessed on Thursday, March 10, 2016. He stated the purpose of the Work Session was to discuss the Capital Program and the playground costs for the purposes of financing.

Creative Playground

The board discussed the options involved with the Creative Playground upgrade, which included the potential for surfacing at a cost of \$136,000 and a pavilion at a cost of \$34,514. Funding available for the playground includes a township budgeted amount of \$500,000, the DCNR Grant of \$125,000 and a donation from Harley-Davidson of \$75,000. Fund raising is to be done for any costs over and above. Additional discussion included:

- Construction prices will go up over time; best month to build is September.
- Equipment is pre-packaged; could be purchased and stockpiled until 2017.
- Surfacing will save \$10,000 a year in re-mulching.
- Public Works will provide installation assistance, demo and site prep.
- Community Build options to be organized for landscaping, lawn seeding, shade trees; volunteering brings the community together.
- Consider putting it out to bid to obtain hard numbers for either 2016-2017 delivery and perhaps lock in the price.
- Issue a Request for Qualifications for a professional fund raiser.
- Formation of a separate Playground Committee to oversee the build and the fund raising, organize the volunteers.

Consensus was that the funding available includes \$500,000 from the township budget, \$125,000 from the DCNR Grant and \$75,000 from Harley-Davidson, a total of \$700,000 in preparation for a 2017 build. Anything over and above the \$700,000 to be fund raised. Firm pricing to be obtained through an RFP.

Capital Funding

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley presented additional 2016 Capital Funding items for discussion, which included two new police cars, upgrading of police modems and mobile printers, replacement of Taser units and accessories, body cams for patrol officers, Trout Run Road reconstruction (\$500,000) and replacement of the Fuel Management System for Public Work (\$150,000), fiscal audit and engineering study for facilities, new dump truck, in addition to the Creative Playground previously discussed.

Options for discussion under consideration include either funding the current obligation or funding the current obligation plus an additional amount of money for the Capital Funding needs. The timeline under the proposal by Concord Finance has a June borrowing date. The current debt (as one solid payment of approximately \$3.5 million) comes due for the firehouse and the fire truck on June 1, 2016. Discussion included the following:

- Roll the current debt and finance nothing further; or finance a full \$2 million to benefit from low interest rates.
- Police cars, modems, Tasers, etc. are all in the General Fund budget.
- Important to quantify exact costs, specifically for roads; grant opportunities unknown to date. Use of Liquid Fuels approximately \$450,000 a year.

Trout Run Road Discussion

- Trout Run Road upgrade is above the Liquid Fuels funding at \$500,000; if not earmarked for Trout Run Road it will be used for township roads maintenance. List of roads in the township that need upgrades made available to board.
- Solicitor Rausch investigating legality of road specifications of 26 feet and the possibility of granting a waiver.
- Resurfacing does not solve the problem due to the drainage coming from driveways. The drainage problem must be solved for the future of Trout Run Road.
- Patching the road appears to appeal to most residents. During the winter season 2015-2016 Public Works spent between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and worked every day for three weeks patching the road.
- RECON - Milling the road and laying new macadam; no need for resizing the road (\$500,000).

- Low volume roads – Eligible for Conservation District funding; drainage issue would be corrected and funding provided for maintenance going forward. Training for Mr. Hodgkinson begins in April, and more information will be available by July 1st for due diligence.

Building Upgrades

- Amount of \$490,000 – Definition needed - Buchart-Horn will investigate potential repairs needed for Administration including roof, HVAC and window problems.
- Police building repairs/upgrades needed in HVAC and plumbing.
- New buildings were investigated in 2010-2011 with an estimated price tag of \$15 million.
- Other options include investigate other facilities in the community; lease space or purchase space for the township offices.

Consensus of the board was to move forward with the refinance and add another \$1.150.

Dump Truck – Public Works

DENNE Ms. Denne appealed for a dump truck for Public Works. She noted that the truck to be replaced is a 1987 vintage and would cost approximately \$185,000. This purchase would not be eligible from the Sewer Fund as it is used mainly for snow removal. Ms. Denne stated another option, which would be to pay cash for the truck out of reserves.

Consensus of the board was to include the \$185,000 for the dump truck into the current financing and borrow \$1.33 million instead of \$1.150 million for a 20-year period.

KING Solicitor Christopher King noted that the Motion made on Thursday was for plus \$2 million with a request that it be left open with the understanding it could be reduced. He suggested that a motion be made to finalize the amount.

MR. SCHENCK MOVED TO REVISE THE DIRECTION GIVEN TO THE FINANCE CONSULTANT TO SEEK FINANCING TO PAY OFF THE CURRENT FUND (\$3.765) AND ADD AN ADDITIONAL \$1.330 MILLION TO THAT BORROWING. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Department of Justice Meetings

DENNE Ms. Denne announced that the Department of Justice had advised this date that they will be coming next week to do community interviews. She asked each board member to speak with Chief Stump for discussion as the DOJ will want to meet with each elected official. She had been meeting with different churches in the community, the York East Rotary, trained with the Jewish Community Center. The DOJ will be meeting with the Command Staff and it is expected that

full-time interviews and fact finding will be held over three days. Their media staff will handle the plan.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley announced that an Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment for a personnel discussion.

3. ADJOURNMENT

SWOMLEY Chairman Swomley adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen K. Bowers
Secretary

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