

BUDGET WORKSHOP AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

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The regular monthly meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held November 1, 2017 at 5:00 PM. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Rick Krishart, Mike Kamandulis, Matt Pontzer, Jim Nissel, and Vincent Davis.

Chairman Keller called the Budget Workshop to order at 5 PM. After the previous workshop, secretary-treasurer Kathy Dowie updated the budget worksheets as discussed and distributed them to the Board for review. Chairman Keller asked if everyone had had a chance to review these figures and if anyone wished to make any changes. Everyone had reviewed the worksheets. With no one wishing to make any changes, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to accept the proposed budget as presented and place it out for review. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to close the budget workshop at 5:02 PM and continue with the regular monthly meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Mike Keller began the monthly meeting by acknowledging the visitors.

Vince Davis expressed concerns about his water bill. Davis stated that his water meter was broken in May and was replaced, for which he paid \$50. Soon after, a meter pit was installed on his property which he claimed he did not approve and was subsequently billed \$600. After contacting the Township office, Davis' bill was adjusted to \$200, which was the cost of the meter only, and not the meter pit itself. Davis felt that he should not have to pay for this meter, as he had already paid for the meter located under his home. Rob Singer disputed Davis' recall of events, stating that he did not pay for a meter in May and that the \$50 he did pay went towards the \$200 for the new meter, which is the cost of the meters at this time. Davis presented the Board with a copy of a letter describing his concerns. The Board will review this information and make a decision once all the facts are presented.

Mike Kamandulis expressed a concern about his neighbor burning clothing and cardboard boxes. The clothing, he stated, contains plastics, and is toxic to burn. He asked if the Board had considered an ordinance to regulate burning. Randy Gradizzi replied that under DEP regulations, they cannot burn clothing. He advised Kamandulis to contact Dave Stubber at the Elk Count Conservation office the next time this is occurring.

There were no other visitor comments.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Randy Gradizzi to approve the minutes from the meetings of October 4 and October 25, 2017. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Landfill inspection report dated 9/28/17 was received and is available for review.

Notice was received that Fairview Coal Company has requested release of reclamation bond for their Squab Hollow operation.

Notice was received that Tamburlin Coal has filed for bond release on a portion of their Vollmer operation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Dave Mattiuz asked Randy if he had found out any additional information to pursue his proposed changes to the Township's Highway Occupancy Permit. Randy stated that the State requires Townships to use their fee schedule, so as to keep things consistent throughout the state. He will continue to investigate this.

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NEW BUSINESS

As was discussed at the October budget workshop, Randy Gradizzi made a motion to purchase an E45 Bobcat Excavator, at a COSTARS cost of \$56,169.84. He had looked at several models, and this was not only the least expensive, it was the most functional. Motion carried with Keller and Gradizzi voting in favor. Dave Mattiuz opposed the motion.

The following bills were submitted for approval for payment:

From the General Fund, check #26913 thru check #26952 in the amount of \$44,721.21
From the Landfill Fund, check #1823 thru check #1822 in the amount of \$52,511.50
From the Fire Protection Fund, check #1588 thru check #1594 in the amount of \$12,630.06
From the Toby Water account, check #1026 thru check #1033 in the amount of \$4,427.50
For a TOTAL of \$114,290.27

A motion was made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried with Keller and Mattiuz in favor. Randy Gradizzi was in favor of the motion but abstained from check #26946 and #1033 to St. Marys Water, as he sits on the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dave Mattiuz questioned the need to sell the Case backhoe once the new excavator was delivered. Since it did not really cost anything to keep it, would it be worth keeping it for use at the dumpster? Randy Gradizzi replied that it really did not have to be sold, but also did not see why we would need to keep it. The issue will be discussed further.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz, to adjourn this meeting at 5:28 PM. Motion carried

The next meeting will be held December 6, 2017 at 6 PM at the Municipal building.