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A special meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held October 23, 2019 at 4:00 PM for the purpose of discussing the 2020 Budget and any other business that should come before the board, as was advertised. Those present: Mike Keller, Dave Mattiuz and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Rob Singer, Matt Pontzer, Dan Nedinski and Ned Jacob from the St. Marys Airport Authority.

Chairman Keller called the meeting to order and began by acknowledging the visitors.

Dan Nedinski and Ned Jacobs spoke on behalf of the St. Marys Airport Authority, requesting that Fox Township consider a contribution of \$10,000 to the airport. They explained that the airport has a lot of expenses due to the lack of maintenance over the last 15 years. They stated that the airport is used by private pilots, corporations and Life Flight. When asked what the annual operating budget was, they responded \$170,000. Dave Mattiuz asked what the private planes pay to use the airport. They responded there is a \$35 fee to land. Dave Mattiuz responded that he could not justify to the tax payers a contribution from the Township when private individuals and corporations pay so little. Mike Keller explained that the Landfill monies continue to decrease and that there would be no allowance in the budget for the airport.

The Board discussed each line item of the budget as it appeared on the worksheets.

In discussing the Toby Water budget, Randy Gradizzi had a cost estimate of \$26,500 from Keller Engineers to complete the planning an permitting to run the water line from the inter-connect to the treatment plant. He felt that the cost to install the line would be \$50,000, with the Township doing the work. This project was added to the Toby Water budget.

Moving on to the General Fund budget, the following items were acted upon or discussed:

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to increase Building Permit fees by 10%. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Mike Keller to increase on-lot sewage fees to \$600 for new systems and \$300 for repairs. Motion was opposed by all. A motion was then made by Mike Keller, seconded by Dave Mattiuz that on-lot sewage fees be established as the fee imposed by the SEO plus \$50. Motion carried.

In discussing the Road Maintenance items, Randy Gradizzi stated that he would like to budget for the following: Salt, same as last year.

1B limestone, 4000 ton @ \$24.00 - \$96,000

2A limestone, 2,000 ton @ \$19 - \$38,000

MC70 Dust Oil, 20,000 gallon - \$62,000

Paving – Chicken Hill, scratch and top coats at an estimated \$90,519 and Cuneo Road at an estimated cost of \$100,000

A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Mike Keller to abandon the SinterFire soccer field, as the new multi-purpose field at the Community Park is now being used by Rec and ECC soccer. Motion carried. A letter of thanks will be sent to SinterFire. Letters will be sent to ECC and Rec. Soccer information them of this.

A motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, second by Randy Gradizzi to have Bloom Plumbing and Heating replace the AC unit at the Senior Center at a cost of \$6,150. Motion carried.

In discussing the equipment fund, Randy Gradizzi would like to purchase a new plow truck at a cost of \$185,000 and sell the 2002 Peterbuilt. He plans to keep the 2001 International as a spare. Randy also stated that the Fox Township Sewer Authority wishes to purchase a backhoe. He suggested that the Township sell our CAT backhoe to the Authority at the trade-in price of \$30,000. The Township would then trade-in the Case Backhoe on a new FOX

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Backhoe. The trade-in value of the Case is \$12,000. The cost of the new backhoe – less then trade-in and the money from the Sewer Authority – would be \$78,600. These items were included in the budget. If funds in the Equipment Reserve allow, Randy will also look into purchasing a new service truck.

The Board then went into executive session to discuss wages. Upon returning, Mike Keller announced that a \$0.32 per hour increase would be budgeted for all the employees, with the exception of the park directors and the PHEAA program workers.

These figures for the wages were added into the proposed budget.

Kathy Dowie will re-check all the figures and prepare the proposed budget for the Board to review at the next meeting.

Rob Singer requested to attend a Floodplain management course to be held October 30<sup>th</sup> in Clearfield. There is no fee. A motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to approve Rob to attend this course. Motion carried.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Randy Gradizzi, seconded by Dave Mattiuz to adjourn this meeting at 7:53 PM. Motion carried.