

BUDGET WORKSHOP

November 4, 2015

The Butler Township Board of Commissioners held a budget workshop on November 4, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Butler Township Municipal Building, 290 S. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. The following Commissioners were present: Pres. Joseph J. Hasychak, Commis. Vice-Pres. David Zarnick, Joseph A. Wiest, Charles Nedz and Sam Zurzolo. Pres. Hasychak called the meeting to order followed by a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Also present were Manager Edward Kirkwood, Public Works Supervisor Tom Knights, Zoning Officer Hines and Police Chief John Hays.

Pres. Hasychak stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review the tentative budget and have the department heads present their budget requests.

Manager Kirkwood opened the meeting by discussing the process he employed in preparing the proposed 2016 operating budget. Manager Kirkwood distributed a spread sheet itemizing how funds were spent in 2015 for the capital equipment fund and how he assigned appropriations requested for capital purchases by the various departments. He stated that all of the requested items he received from the department heads are included within the proposed 2016 budget except for one (1) medium size truck requested by the Road Department. It was his opinion that including that item would necessitate a tax increase.

Manager Kirkwood reviewed the balance of the General Fund expense accounts and stated information regarding the following funds are incorporated within the budget:

<p>Highway Aid Fund Stormwater Pond Maint. Fund Police Pension Fund Equipment Capital Fund Stormwater Capital Fund</p>	<p>Park Development Fund Firemen Relief Fund MEPP Fund Debt Service Fund</p>
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Manager Kirkwood presented the Administration Department and Buildings and Grounds 2016 requests and justifications.

Chief Hays reviewed the Police Department requests and justifications.

Fire Marshal Christy reviewed the Fire Department requests and justifications.

Zoning Officer Hines reviewed the Zoning requests and justifications.

Public Works Supervisor Knights presented budget requests and justifications for his department. He is requesting the purchase of an asphalt roller, equipment trailer, high pressure washer, hydraulic breaker, hydraulic thumb, angle snow plows, pick-up truck, pick-up truck inserts and a medium size dump truck. Mr. Knights also reviewed the Road budget requests for 2016 including the seal coating; winter maintenance and paving budget.

Commis. Zarnick stated that it is becoming extremely difficult acquiring new members to our fire departments. Manning departments during the daytime is almost impossible due to members working. At some point in the future, it may become necessary to explore establishing a day time paid department.

Motion by Pres. Hasychak to adjourn at 7:45 p.m., seconded by Commis. Zarnick and carried unanimously.

Theresa Gessler