

MINUTES
EXETER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
JUNE 5, 2017

Public Hearing

A Special Meeting of the Exeter Township Board of Supervisors was called to order on Monday, June 5, 2017, at 6:35 P.M. in the Township Building by Lisa A. Vanderlaan, Chairperson.

Supervisors Present: Lisa A. VanderLaan, Chairperson
Gary E. Lloyd, Vice Chair
Jeff Bukowski
John Cusatis
William "Chip" White

Absent:

Others in Attendance: John Granger, Township Manager
Benjamin Nevius, Fox Rothschild, Solicitor

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge to the Flag

PUBLIC COMMENT: Agenda Items
No Public Comments

PRESENTATION OF MODEL FOR WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Steven Goldfield, PRAG, presented to the Board a draft of the model which would be used by the Board to determine the use of the proceeds should the Board decide to sell the wastewater system. Following the presentation, the Board gave their comments with respect to the draft of the model.

Mr. Bukowski felt that it was important to have a fund for tax stabilization, economic development, increased police services, and equipment replacement. The Township needs to plan for the future and these are all important considerations for the future of the Township.

Mr. White felt that it was important to fund the pension at OPEB requirements. He felt that economic development was very important and that it is the only way to increase the tax base. He felt that addressing the potential recreation needs that will be identified as a result of the ongoing study would be important.

Mr. Cusatis stated that the tax stabilization fund would be important.

Mr. White stated that the tax stabilization fund would be a defensive measure while funding for the economic development would be an offensive decision with the potential for a higher rate of return on the investment.

Mr. Bukowski stated that it would be important to keep the surplus designated for uses which would maintain the existing tax rate.

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Mrs. VanderLaan stated that it was important to address the details and how the Township saves the money while not spending it and using the investment income to meet the overall needs for the Township. Leveraging the proceeds is the best way to keep the use of the proceeds in perpetuity. She stated that staff levels need to be maintained and that police services need to be restored to their prior levels.

Michelle Maciejewski, 3711 Circle Avenue, asked about the impact that the potential sale of the wastewater system would have on the employees. Mr. Granger replied that the matter was a subject of contract negotiations which was currently underway with the Teamsters Union.

Melvin Hertz, 5 Sawgrass Drive, expressed his concern about potential for increasing sewer rates.

Mrs. VanderLaan stated that the Township has the ability to raise rates at any time, while rates for a public utility are regulated by the PUC.

Tom Howell, PO Box 4635, stated that the model needs a key for the initials in the model.

MODIFICATION OF HIRING PROCESS IN POLICE DEPARTMENT

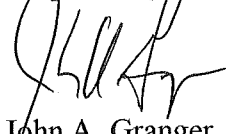
Mr. Granger reviewed the proposed modification in the hiring process in the Police Department for Lieutenants. The existing policy requires a written test. The proposal is to eliminate the written test and have that requirement substituted with an interview by the Board of Supervisors.

MOTION of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Cusatis, the Board unanimously modified the hiring process for Lieutenant.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION of Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. White, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



John A. Granger
Township Secretary