

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Special Meeting
31 January 2012

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in special session at 8 am with all three Supervisors present: Chairman Keith A Whipkey, Timothy R Komar, and William C Penrod Jr.

The advertised purpose of the meeting was to reconsider the 2012 budget passed in December and to recognize receipt of Statements of Interest from engineers to complete the NBIS inspections of bridges for the next 5 years.

Secretary/Treasurer Whipkey reminded everyone that the budget was re-opened following the municipal election (as permitted by Second Class Township Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania) as he recognized that had been made in the original budget. Last winter, the General Fund borrowed \$140,000 from the Capital Account (reserve) fund to cover winter road maintenance expenses. Typically, the money would be returned to the investment account later in the year. However, the General Fund balance never permitted this to happen. The budget should have reflected a permanent decrease in the Capital Account. This oversight was taken care of and properly reflected in the current budget draft.

Also, an audit of the Pension Account, performed in January, led to a request from the State that the Pension and Foreign Fire Insurance accounts be separated on the budget form. This was accomplished as well. The final budget is ready for passage with no changes in revenue or expenses.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Penrod to approve the amended budget while retaining the current 3.5 mills for 2012. Motion carried.

Whipkey reminded those present that the budget has been balanced the past two years with funds from the Capital Account. It will be necessary in 2013 to increase taxes by 1.5 mills to allow revenues to catch up with expenses.

In other advertised business, the Supervisors accepted Statements of Interest from the following engineers to conduct the bi-annual bridge inspections beginning in the next inspection cycle. Whipkey reported that approvals from the State will not be completed this year in time for this cycle. The State is permitting the Township to extend its contract with Gibson Thomas Engineering for this final round. As the engineering selection committee, the Supervisors will review the Statements submitted, and select three to forward cost proposals. The Supervisors will then determine the finalist. Those costs will be submitted again to the State to ensure that the costs are within State guidelines.

There being no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Penrod and seconded by Komar to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 am. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith A Whipkey
Secretary