

Ligonier Township Supervisors
Special Meeting
15 November 2011

The Supervisors of Ligonier Township met in special session at 8 am with all three Supervisors present: Chairman William C Penrod Jr, Keith A Whipkey and Timothy R Komar. The special meeting was advertised for the purpose of (1) considering engineers for the bi-annual bridge inspections, and (2) approving the tentative 2012 budget.

Whipkey reported the the advertising and Request for Interest forms were not according to PennDOT specifications, and so , a motion was made by Whipkey and seconded by Komar to table action and re-do the entire process. Motion carried.

Whipkey reported regarding the 2012 budget that revenues and expenses are expected to hold steady for the next year. However, expenses are expected to exceed revenues in the general fund by \$30,000. He recommended that the amount be taken from the equipment capital account as excess funds are currently there. Komar reported that the Township may lease a truck in 2012 with a five-year term. Funding can come exclusively from the Liquid Fuels Fund (LFF). He also reported that winter materials were collected to the extent possible for re-use. Also, some major equipment repairs have been done in house to save money. Though health insurance is expected to rise 20% this year, the Supervisors were able to avoid any increase last year by switching providers. Whipkey reported that a \$80,000 balance left in LFF at year-end (minus any costs incurred for winter maintenance between now and 31 December) can be used for 2012 winter maintenance costs. In the past, with a minimal year-end balance in LFF, it has been necessary to pay for winter maintenance out of general funds until the new year allocation was received 1 April. Supervisors are hopeful that costs of road materials and insurances will stabilize in the next year or a tax increase will become inevitable.

A motion was made by Komar and seconded by Whipkey to approve the tentative 2012 budget at \$3,083,356 with no millage increase. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith A Whipkey
Secretary