

WORK SESSION
December 3, 2009

Mr. Ferrell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. to continue the work on the budgets of the Police and Fire Departments.

Trustees Timothy Coleman, and Jeffrey Ferrell answered the roll call. Trustee elect Michael Printy was also present

The Board met with Chief Klamar to review the 2010 Budget submissions.

The Salary-Cell Phone line items should be eliminated. The cost of the contracts for the cell phones are now a payment to Nextel as apposed to a stipend to the employees.

Regarding Dispatchers, Mr. Ferrell asked what determines if they are replaced with full time or part time. Chief Klamar was not certain, but did not think it was contractual like the officers.

The rates for OPERS are the rates that will be effective in 2010. Ms. Schaefer said that this had been approved. She said the increase for PFDPF was proposed, but not adopted yet. And even if adopted for the fire department it is an increase for the employee only, not the employer. Chief Hodges and Chief Myosky said this was not what was reported in their newsletter.

Under salaries and other benefits, Mr. Ferrell would still like to see the cost for the Dispatchers and all related line items separate from the officers as was done in 2009.

For Health insurance the rates should reflect a 30% increase for the months August through December.

There was a discussion regarding unemployment compensation. Mr. Ferrell asked what the percentage was. Ms. Schaefer explained that we are reimbursing and pay based on our portion of the monthly allowance. The allowance is based on a number of factors including number of dependents. The last full time person we had received \$443 per week.

Rent and Leases is for the storage units.

The utilities in the Police budget are for the Wee Too Club. Ms. Schaefer explained that the General Fund pays for all the utilities for 5420 Milan Road.

Compensation & Damages is for citizen's complaints not deductibles. Last year there was a payment for the night vision goggles.

There was a lengthy discussion on promotional positions and manning. Mr. Printy noted that going from an 8-hour shift to a 12-hour shift does not work in private industry. Chief Hodges said that of those fire and police departments that have gone from a 24 or 12-hour shift to an 8-hour shift have returned to the 24 or 12-hour shift.

There was also a discussion on a replacement program for the cruisers.

Mr. Printy asked Chief Klamar to add a column for "amount spent to date" and Mr. Coleman asked that the versions be dated or numbered so that they know which is the current version.

The Board then reviewed the entire changes. The Police Department budget totaled \$2,384,122.

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The Board then met with Chief Myosky and Chief Hodges to review the Fire Department budget.

Chief Hodges explained that the Budget Request column is the amount from July. The Budget Amount is the current amount. Chief Hodges also explained that he calculated salaries on a yearly basis. He said that every other year he is short. Mr. Ferrell explained that he should probably take the bi-weekly amount and multiply it by the number of payrolls.

Chief Myosky explained that the 220 accounts are funded by taxes and the 230 accounts by EMS collections. He also said that full time employees were in 220 while part time are in 230.

Mr. Ferrell asked that the severance amounts be indicated in a separate line. It was agreed to use cost code 99 to indicate severance amounts.

Chief Myosky suggested hiring an assistant part time mechanic to be able to do work just for the Fire Department. This would save costs for outside work.

PFDPF is included at 25% based on information with they had received.

There was a discussion on how the training roll over account is calculated. The Chief recommended putting a cap on this in the next negotiation session.

Chief Myosky said that he would be turning his and Chief Hodges' cell phones in. He claims that his cell phone costs have gone up since we went to the new program. Ms. Schaefer said that while this is true, his cell phone stipends have been eliminated.

Chief Myosky question why he had to pay for utilities when the General Fund was paying for those for the Highway and Police Department.

Regarding physicals, Mr. Ferrell said that if NOMS is lower he wants to use them because they are in the Township. Chief Myosky said that NOMS does not accept our insurance. Mr. Ferrell questioned that since they accept his insurance. Ms. Schaefer said that they accept her insurance and even the dermatologists are accepting the Township insurance.

Chief Myosky reviewed the various programs offered to the part time fire fighters.

Regarding EMS refunds, Mr. Ferrell wanted to know if this was still necessary since the Fiscal Officer had changed the process of reporting the refunds. Ms. Schaefer said that money collected and refunded in the same year are a reduction of income. Amounts collected in a prior year and refunded in the current year are recorded as expenditures and therefore there still needs to be a line item for the refunds.

There was a lengthy discussion on building and equipment replacements.

Chief Myosky then reviewed the loan on the fire truck. He would like to pay it off in 2009. His EMS collections have exceeded estimates. He estimated that he would have a rollover of \$650,000 if he does not pay off the truck. If he pays off the truck, the rollover would be \$500,000. Ms. Schaefer said that he could only use the net extra amounts because some accounts were under collected such as tangible property taxes.

Chief Myosky asked why Tangible Personal Property taxes were so low. Ms. Schaefer said that they have done away with this. It has been replaced with the CAV taxes, which is reported in the Property Tax Reallocation account.

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Mr. Printy asked how the extra funds were held. Chief Myosky said that he would like to open an account with US Bank because they will loan money without any payoff penalties.

Chief Myosky then reviewed the items listed on page three that have not been included in the current Budget request. Things to be included in grants are not included at this point.

There was then a discussion on a new fire station.

Chief Myosky is to rework the numbers and submit a new copy of the 2010 budget.

With no further business to be conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Jeffrey Ferrell, Chairman

Diane Schaefer, Fiscal Officer