LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET MEETING

October 3, 2023 5:00 PM

Present: Commissioner J. Golden, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner J. Moffett, Twp. Secretary C. Cunningham, Twp. Accountant L. Bliley, Tax Collector/Treasurer J. Spitznogle

Visitors: Lisa Walters, Crystal Morzybski, Dale Williams, Tom Buchleitner, Chris Buchleitner, Paula Cassady

President J. Golden called the 2023 Budget Work Session Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and waived the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

L. Bliley presented the Board with all updated information concerning the prospective changes as previously discussed.

Commissioner Golden said that sewers would be gone over tonight, then revenues will be addressed, and a full review and comparison will be done at another meeting.

Commissioner B. Rodemaker presented his budget for sewers for 2024. Treasurer Spitznogle has placed the sewer accounts into high rate of return interest accounts. He discussed the upgrading of all the sewer lift stations which will result in less emergency calls. Lake Cliff has been finished and there is an outstanding grant that Secretary Cunningham has applied for the Cunningham lift station that will be awarded in November. If the grant is not awarded to us then we will go forward and pay for the upgrading from the sewer fund. Soudan lift station has been held up due to permitting and backordered items.

The Streets budget was discussed and talk of street resurfacing for 2024. Commissioners Golden and Moffett drove around and looked at all the streets that were in need of paving. Secretary C. Cunningham will have the PennDot Rep. get in touch with Commissioner Moffett and do a ride around to get an idea of which streets are in the greatest need of repair, and also to give him an idea as to what the estimated cost of that would be. Leaf pick-up was discussed; residents will be instructed to bag their leaves in clear bags. The maintenance crew will pick them up 1 week per month beginning the end of October and the next 2 months will follow respectively.

It was decided that Streets Commissioner J. Moffett will apply to the LSA Grant for a new street sweeper, Commissioner T. Benovic will apply to the LSA Grant for 2 new police cruisers.

Also discussed was Cyber Security upgrades as well as IT services and a possible stand-alone Cyber insurance plan. Also, there is a computer that is in need of upgrading.

Delinquent taxes were discussed and adjustments were made to date. Tax Collector Spitznogle will provide all totals regarding these at a later time. Rental totals and gaming devices were also addressed.

Commissioner Golden asked Spitznogle for a chart as to what it would look like to raise taxes in different millage numbers.

The Board will discuss the proposed changes at the next meeting as needed.

Commission J. Moffett motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Commissioner T. Benovic and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Jo Cunningham Township Secretary