

**CUMRU TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING NOVEMBER 2, 2017**

The Special Meeting of the Cumru Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President Ruth O'Leary at 5:40 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Vice President Edward L. Gottschall, Sheri Hoover, and Lorri K. Swan. Tony J. Sacco was absent. Also attending were Chief of Police Madison Winchester, Superintendent of Public Works Robert McNichols, Jr., Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Michael L. Yost, Fire Chief James A. Beane, Business/Personnel Administrator Peggy A. Carpenter, Secretary Latoya Procopio, and Manager Jeanne E. Johnston.

PUBLIC

No members of the public indicated a desire to speak at the start of the meeting.

Attendance: William Miller of 40 Muirfield Drive, Steve Crandall of 2387 Welsh Road, Tim Musser, David Shaffer, and Ian Steffy of Southern Berks EMS.

2018 BUDGET

Capital Fund

Ms. Johnston discussed purchase v. lease-purchase of a sweeper for the public works department. Mrs. O'Leary and Mrs. Swan indicated that they did not have a problem with leasing the sweeper. Mr. Gottschall stated that it was not good spending practices; when the money is already in the bank, you will end up paying more for interest. Mr. McNichols noted that it will take up to 10 months to receive the sweeper after ordering. A majority of the Board directed that the sweeper should be budgeted as a lease-purchase for 7 years, with Mr. Gottschall disagreeing.

Ambulance Fund

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the ambulance fund will continue to run a deficit if taxes are not increased. The ambulance fund owes the general fund \$5,000 at the current millage of .2 mil. Ms. Johnston presented several options. For example, if the ambulance millage is increased to .3 mil, the increase would be about \$80,000 a year. Ms. Swan indicated that this was acceptable. Mr. Miller questioned why \$80,000 is needed. Mrs. Hoover stated it is a reserve because the fund has been running at a deficit for the last couple of years. Ms. Johnston continued to present different scenarios for raising the millage at different rates. The Board suggested a .275 increase to the ambulance millage.

Administration Fund

Ms. Johnston informed the Board that the township staff will be doing a cost analysis on the zoning hearing board fee schedule. Administration staff was given authorization to make the part-time administrative position a full-time position in 2018.

The budget meeting for 11/9/2017 was canceled.

CORRESPONDENCE

A) Meeting Advertised in the Reading Eagle on 9/27/2017.

ADJOURNMENT

**ON MOTION OF MR. GOTTSCHALL, SECOND OF MRS. HOOVER, A UNANIMOUS
VOTE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:56 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,



Latoya Procopio
Secretary