

MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 27, 2019 VALLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

A Special Meeting of the Valley Township Board of Supervisors was held on Friday, December 27, 2019, at the Township Municipal Building, 890 West Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA. The purpose of the meeting was to adopt the 2020 Budget and any other business that may come before the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Patrice Proctor at 12:15 p.m. Those in attendance were Supervisors Kathy O'Doherty, Joe Sciandra, William Handy, Sr. and Patrice Proctor. Supervisor Christopher Lehenky was absent. Also in attendance were Carol R. Lewis, Township Manager and Amanda Sundquist, Esquire, of Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees (Township Solicitor).

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

None

ADOPTION OF THE 2020 BUDGET:

Consideration to adopt a Resolution adopting the 2020 real estate property tax, real estate transfer tax, earned income tax, and local services tax rates for 2020 – **Ms. O'Doherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sciandra, to adopt Resolution 2019-25, a resolution to levy taxes upon all real property within the Township for 2020 real estate property tax, real estate transfer tax, earned income tax, and local services tax.** The motion passed unanimously. The Resolution set an annual general Township purpose rate of 2.75 mills; 0.35 mills for fire protection services; 0.45 mills for ambulance, rescue and other emergency services; earned income tax of 1%, local services tax of 1%, and real estate transfer of 1%.

Consideration to adopt a Resolution adopting the Valley Township 2020 Budget – **Mr. Handy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sciandra, to adopt the 2020 Valley Township Budget.** Question: some line items were reviewed with regards to personnel. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration to approve 2020 employee wages/salaries – **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Handy, to approve the 2020 employee wages/salaries as presented.** The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

End of Year Payment of Bills – Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Handy, to add approval of year-end bills to the agenda. At this time there was a discussion regarding the bill list being presented.

Consideration to Hire a Laborer – Ms. Lewis reviewed that there were 45 applicants received and interviews were set up to interview 8. The Board received the top 3 choices in order of preference from those who did the interviewing. **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by**

Mr. Handy, to approve an offer to “Candidate #1” pending satisfactory background check and physical/drug screening. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Year-end Bills for Payment – Year-end bills were again considered for approval. **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Handy, to ratify and approve bills as presented.** The motion passed unanimously.

Recycle Truck Payment – **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Handy, to add to the agenda “consideration to issue payment to GranTurk Equipment Company” for a recycle truck.** The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Lewis noted that delivery of the new recycle truck could be within the next week or two. Request was made to have the check prepared dated January 2, 2020, to GranTurk Equipment Company in the amount of \$304,971 which would also allow for the submission to DEP. After discussion, **Mr. Sciandra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Handy, to authorize payment from the General Fund in the amount of \$304,971 to GranTurk Equipment Company for the recycle truck with no need to finance.** The motion passed unanimously. It was noted that it will be decided how many recycle toters would be purchased under this grant.

CITIZEN’S COMMENT:

None

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Janis A. Rambo
Township Secretary