

## BUDGET MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING  
Board of Commissioners  
Township of Haverford

November 21, 2016  
Monday – 7:00 p.m.  
Commissioners Meeting Room

### 1. Opening of Meeting – Chris Connell, Sr., opened the meeting.

#### A. Roll Call – All 9 Commissioners were present at roll call:

Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director and Joseph Celia, Codes Director

#### B. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Citizen’s Input – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – 20 Minutes

#### Chaz McGarvey and Karen Samulenas – Ice Rink Advisory Members

The Ice Rink Advisory is supporting the Capital Projects but also ask that the electric panel be included.

### 3. Budget Hearing and Preliminary Adoption of Year 2017 Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt as an Ordinance a Preliminary General Fund, Sewer Fund and Capital Fund Budget, including all taxes, fees, service charges and other revenue sources provided within all funds for 2017.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

### 4. Presentation of Preliminary Budget by Lawrence Gentile, Township Manager

Real Estate Revenue is 56% of the budget. Local Enabling Tax continues to over perform, Licenses & Permits continues to over perform, Fines are under, Rent is down, Grants & Gifts is constant, Departmental Earnings will show an increase due to \$3.00 increase in trash fee, the Skatium revenue is down due to inter county league gate revenue, and Fund transfers are up.

**General Fund Expenditures**

**Every department will incur a 6.9% increase in health care coverage.**

**The Police Department only will receive a 2% increase in wages. This is contractual and no increase for non-uniform staff**

**Auxiliary: increase due to capital fund projects – Historical, Nitre Hall and the Grange. The Historical Society is asking for an additional \$34,000. They were told they would have to wait until the sale of the Eagle Road property.**

**The contribution to the Library will increase 1.5%**

**Emergency Management and Homeland Security will also show an increase.**

**Cable TV will be incorporated with the IT Department.**

**Codes will show an increase in p/t hours.**

**Community Development will show an increase due to the HPED increase and money for Lori Widdop to continue working on the Comprehensive Plan.**

**Debt Service increases due to borrowing.**

**EMS decreased since Narberth has taking over. Less vehicles and less in insurance premiums.**

**Human Resources will show increase due to medical coverage only**

**The Skatium – a number of capital improvements will be made.**

**IT increased due to the inclusion of Cable.**

**Management will show an increase due to salary adjustments.**

**The Police Department will purchase five new vehicles and Animal Control will also show an increase.**

**The K-9 will be decreased to \$25,000.**

**Parks & Recreation will increase due to the hiring of a full time person.**

**The Highway Department will increase due to the purchase of a new street sweeper**

**Snow Removal will be decreased.**

**Streets & Lighting will increase – transitioning to LED lights and a lot more hit and runs are occurring.**

**Sanitation Department will decrease due to new hires at a lower rate.**

**Recycling costs will increase; as well as Park Maintenance.**

**OVERALL TAX INCREASE FOR 2017: 2.67%**

**5. Ordinance No. P24 -2016 Sewer Rental Charge (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P24-2016 fixing the annual sewer rental or charge for each property connected to the sewer to \$4.70 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed or used by said property.**

**Roll Called.**

**All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.**

**6. Ordinance No. P25 -2016 Trash Fee (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P25 -2016 fixing the Township of Haverford Trash Fee at \$197.00 per year.**

**Roll Called.**

**All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.**

**7. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.**