

Mahoning Township

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MINUTES OF THE FINAL BUDGET MEETING ON DECEMBER 12, 2023

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023 beginning at 5:50 p.m., the Mahoning Township Supervisors held its final budget meeting to approve the 2024 budget. The meeting was held at the Township building located at 4538 West State Street, Edinburg PA 16116. Chairman Yeropoli called the meeting to order and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL was taken by Jean Greco, Secretary/Treasurer. Members present were: Mark Sackin, Gary Pezzuolo, and Vito Yeropoli. Also present were Solicitor Lou Perrotta, Engineer Gregg DelPrincipe.

Greco confirmed the required advertising of the budget and budget meetings in the New Castle News.

2024 BUDGET OF INCOME AND EXPENSES was given by Greco who noted that no tax increase was necessary for 2024 for the general fund as noted in the preliminary meeting. However, as advised in the preliminary meeting a tax increase is needed for both the hydrant fund and the light fund. These funds only pay utility bills direct; and, not all residents pay into these to funds. The increase is going to help recap the funds transferred from the general fund for 2022 and 2023 and then cover the ongoing payments to Penn Power/First Energy for the cost of the street lights along with Aqua and PA American Water for the cost of the fire hydrants. The increases were reported to the New Castle News and no resident feedback was received. Once these fund balances have accrued enough to support themselves, Greco noted this increase could be reduced in future years. This should be a savings of approximately \$30K for the general fund.

The light fund increase is 2.75 times the old rate of 32 cents per front foot of improved property and 8 cents per front foot of unimproved property to 88 cents and 22 cents respectively. This will cover approximately \$18K in expenses and \$11K repayment to the general fund.

The hydrant fund increase is 2.6 times the old rate of 13 cents per front foot to 34 cents per front foot. This will cover approximately \$36K in expenses and \$18K in repayment to the general fund.

Greco shared that increased expenditure for paving was accomplished in 2023 with \$156K being funded from liquid fuels monies. The county liquid fuels helped add to this total expenditure along with the dedicated 1 mill increase that was put into place last year. It should not be anticipated that the same amount of paving can be afforded in 2024.

	2023 Estimated Surplus/Deficit	1/1/2024 Bank Balances	2024 Surplus/Deficit	12/31/2024 Bank Balances
General	(50,000)	\$ 341,000	- 0 -	\$ 341,000
Sewer	300,000	\$ 447,000	(147,000)	\$ 300,000
State	(45,000)	\$ 100,000	- 0 -	\$ 100,000
Hydrant	(20,000)	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Light	(9,000)	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Total Funds	(76,000)	\$ 888,000	(147,000)	\$ 741,000

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET by Yeropoli and seconded by Sacikin and a vote was taken with all in favor.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE SEWER FUND BUDGET by Yeropoli and seconded by Pezzuolo and a vote was taken with all in favor.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE LIGHT FUND BUDGET by Yeropoli and seconded by Pezzuolo and a vote was taken with all in favor.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE HYDRANT FUND BUDGET by Yeropoli and seconded by Sackin and a vote was taken with all in favor.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE STATE FUND BUDGET by Yeropoli and seconded by Pezzuolo and a vote was taken with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT a motion made by Yeropoli and was seconded by Pezzuolo to adjourn. A vote taken with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Jean M. Greco, Township Secretary