

2013 BUDGET MEETING MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Township of Haverford**

**November 19, 2012
Monday – 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Meeting Room**

1. Opening of Meeting – William F. Wechsler, President, opened the Preliminary Budget Meeting.

- a. **Roll Call – 7 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners Oliva, Hall, Siegel, McGarrity, Connell, D’Emilio and Wechsler. Commissioners Heilmann and Holmes arrived shortly thereafter.**

Also present: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director, Chief Carmen Pettine and Deputy Chief John Viola.

- b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

No one spoke

3. Budget Hearing and Preliminary Adoption of Year 2013 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 2013.

Mr. Gentile began his presentation:

Tonight’s presentation is \$204,000 less from what he submitted to the Board by the deadline of October 31st. He was happy to announce that he was informed health care costs went from a projected 10%, to 5% and finally on Friday was told the increase would be 2.5%.

Some facts: 55% of revenue comes from real estate.

This year’s budget includes two contractual increases (uniform and non-uniform)

Increase in health care.

Haverford Reserve and the new Quarry Center will help to generate revenue.

Comparisons – 2012 – 2013

2012 budget - \$35,918,725

2013 proposed budget - \$37,027,312

The largest part of the Operating Expenses – Public Safety and Public Works.

Cost Drivers in 2013

Uniform employees – up \$452,048 – this is contractual
Non-Uniform employees – up \$356,000 – this is contractual
Medical Benefits – up \$300,412
Parks & Recreation – up \$150,277
Trash Disposal & Leaf Disposal – up \$230,000
Debt Service – up \$37,754

Plans for 2013

A grant has been filed together with Marple Township for us to transfer over to Natural Gas.

The current full-time Animal Control Office will be retiring. We will be hiring a part time employee. We are working together with Marple and Springfield Township.

We will continue working with Marple Township in the leaf collection program and the brine program.

These are costs that will not go away:

Infrastructure Improvements (Sanitary Sewer Lines)
MMO Obligations
Deteriorating buildings
Yard Waste Fee
Health Care

2013 Proposed Capital Projects

Finance Department Accounting System
Zamboni for the Skatium
Bathrooms at Merwood Park and Paddock Park
Hathaway Lane
Vehicle Maintenance Facility
***DeVal loan needs to be paid in 2013**

Summary

4.52% tax increase
\$187.00 trash fee per household
\$4.50 per 1,000 gallons of water per household

Discussion began regarding the trash fee and applying some of the money as the fee and the remaining to go into the General Revenue account.

Commissioner Holmes amended the motion to state that \$185.00 be the trash fee and \$2.00 be placed in the General Revenue account. Commissioner McGarrity seconded the motion.

Roll Called. 8 Commissioners Voted No: Commissioners Oliva, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

Commissioner Holmes Voted Yes.

Motion failed 8-1

Roll Called on initial motion:

All Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler

4. Ordinance No. P21 -2012 Sewer Rental Charge (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P21 -2012 fixing the annual sewer rental or charge for each property connected to the sewer in the amount of \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

Roll Called.

All Commissioners Voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

5. Ordinance No. P22 -2012 Trash Fee (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P22 -2012 fixing the Township of Haverford Trash Fee at \$187.00 per year.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners Voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

Commissioner Holmes voted NO.

7. Meeting was adjourned.