

**Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors
September 9, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes**

The September 9, 2015 Special Meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chair Tom Cino at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Board of Supervisors: Chair Tom Cino, Vice Chair Larry S. Breeden, Treasurer Mary Ryan, Member Dan Rattigan and Member Mike Tierney. Also in attendance were Interim Township Manager David R. Nyman, Finance Director Sandy Wenitsky, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, Planning and Zoning Director Dave Kuhns, Public Works Superintendent Bob Johnson and Police Chief Mark Schmidt.

Mr. Cino led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Mr. Cino opened the meeting by reviewing the budget review and adoption process approved by the Board.

GENERAL FUND DISCUSSION

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of significant line items of the General Fund Budget. Members of the Board asked questions, provided comment and made recommendations throughout the presentation. Mr. Nyman encouraged the Board to share any additional thoughts they might have before next week's second Budget Workshop. Following discussion, the Manager was directed to:

- Move any eligible road projects from the General Fund to the Liquid Fuels Fund
- Review the viability of restoring \$500,000 previously transferred to the Open Space Fund back into the General Fund

Each of the Department Heads had an opportunity to clarify specific budget requests.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brian Bark, 1166 Eagle Road, thanked the Department Heads for their hard work, expressed thanks for the proposed elimination of the Real Estate Tax for the General Fund, recommended the Board continue to draw on the expertise of the Financial Advisory Committee and expressed concern regarding the potential impact of the Cadillac Tax on healthcare plan to be effective in 2017.

Vic Ameye, East Grant, stated that the \$0.40 cents per hour contribution toward healthcare premiums recently approved in the Public Works contract should have been a percentage rather than a flat rate and did not create an incentive to reduce costs.

Ron Smolow, Three Ponds Lane, stated that it was difficult to follow the Budget discussion without copies, asked about the number of Public Works employees, the procedure to have dead animals removed from the road, the miles of Township and State roads, who is responsible for roadside mowing, who maintains our parks, who repairs culverts on our roads and the extent of the current Harris paving contract.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made Ms. Ryan and was seconded by Mr. Rattigan to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



David R. Nyman, Interim Township Manager
Approved: September 23, 2015