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Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2014

1:30 PM

This meeting is the third Work Session for the 2015 budget.

In attendance were Supervisors Brutscher, Leonard and Stumpo and Treasurer Peggy Lennon.

Stumpo called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Residents in attendance: zero

1. Approval of minutes from 10/7 budget session

Motion: Brutscher moved, Leonard seconded, to approve the 10/7/14 work session minutes; motion passed unanimously.

2. Fire company and emergency services support

Leonard is scheduled to meet with County Commissioner Terrence Farrell on 10/29/14 and will report back on the County's willingness to commit to substantially increased funding for fire and emergency services for County facilities located in Pocopson Township.

Communications strategy for tax increase

Leonard will prepare a Powerpoint presentation (5-6 slides) for the 11/10/2014 Board of Supervisors meeting regarding the Board's decision to increase the Earned Income Tax. He will circulate a draft for review by 11/5/14.

3. Renovation of the Barnard House

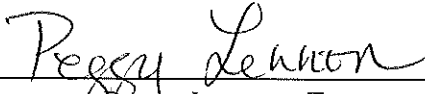
Board discussed potential cost of remaining building renovations. 2015 proposed budget will include a loan of \$750,000 (20 year payback with 5-year prepayment option, estimated annual payment of \$50,000 for principal and interest). Proceeds from sale or rent of 740 Denton Hollow property will defer some of the renovation expenses.

Brutscher announced that the building will likely receive a National Historic Register designation by the end of 2014. This designation will allow the Township to apply for grants to restore specific items (perhaps windows or floors).


A few non-agenda items were discussed:

- Goal is to have the letter to residents regarding 2011 delinquent income taxes go out in November
- Building inspection: In past years, inspection fees were sufficient to cover cost of outsourced building inspection plus receptionist position. As new construction has declined, fees collected are less than expenses. From a customer service perspective, having inspections available at least two days a week is critical, but perhaps Keystone would consider shorter hours (such as 9-1 PM two days/week?)
- The draft budget includes a pay rate increase of 2.75% which can be modified. Board committed to completing performance evaluations by close of 2014
- The planned addition of a turning lane at the intersection of Route 52 NB and Locust Grove Road has been eliminated by the presence of gas lines in the area. Will consider other uses for the funds set aside for that work, such as repairs to other roads in that area that have been damaged by increased traffic during roundabout construction/detours.

Adjournment: At 3:00 P.M., Stumpo moved, Brutscher seconded, to adjourn the meeting; motion unanimously approved.



Peggy Lennon, Treasurer



Ricki Stumpo, Chair