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The Penn Township Board of Supervisors (PTS) met on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building to conduct a budget meeting. Chairman Henry Holman, Vice Chairman Brian Maguire, and Supervisor Brian Peters attended. Other personnel present were Secretary Helen Klinepeter, Treasurer Elizabeth Goodhart and Chief Richard Pickles. A list of visitors attending is on file in the Township Office. Chairman Holman convened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded to aid in the preparation of the minutes.

Chairman Holman announced there was an executive session held on December 2, 2015 in regards to a rental of the Building.

**VISITORS-** All visitors were acknowledged.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Maguire's Ford** – Secretary informed the Board that Maguire's Ford is asking for the release of their Letter of Credit in the amount of \$113,634.35. Secretary is asking to have the Engineer review the property before the next meeting. Upon a Holman/Peters motion, the PTS voted to have the Engineer review the property.

## **BUDGET**

Secretary informed the Board that the Income has passed the budgeted amount.

Mr. Peters asked for clarification for line item 411.540, Fire Company Donation. It states that the donation is \$65,000 for Duncannon Fire Company. Mr. Peters asked if the Board is going to address the potential of Perdix Fire Company coming back on line. Also if they come back, will they also be given \$65,000 depending on the time of year? Do we want to change the verbage to Fire Companies? Mr. Holman offered that he made the effort to discuss with Perdix and they did not respond within the agreed one month. Last month they said they wanted to talk. The response should have been given at the agreed upon time. Mr. Holman believes that the budget should stand as is and be passed. After discussions with Perdix, the budget could be opened next year. He gave a little history of the process since the law suit. Mr. Peters offered that it appeared the wish of the Board was to wait and see and revisit this matter next year if warranted.

Mr. Peters also addressed the increase in the EMS donation from \$15,000 to \$20,000. He offered that there have been numerous unfunded mandates which have increased expenses in several areas. He recommends increasing the donation after looking at the last 3 years' budgets, he feels there has been a cushion built in. He believes that there is enough cushion in the budget to raise the donation. Mr. Peters also encourages the EMS to increase their fundraising. If not the whole \$5,000, could we look at an extra \$2,500 for a donation of \$17,500? Mr. Holman offered that he

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forwarded questions to the EMS a year ago and has not received an answer to those questions. He offered that the questions came from the EMS report that had a lot of discrepancies. Mr. Holman offered had if he known no faith would be shown to answer those questions, he would have gone through the Right to Know. With these issues pending, he is not willing to allocate more money. Mr. Holman continued that the Township Code does not require the Township to support the EMS. Mr. Peters stated that the information was given in the report presented. All the questions were answered with the exceptions of the employee salaries. Mr. Holman stated that the reports did not give answers question by question.

Mr. Peters made the motion to increase the EMS donalntion to \$17,500. Mr. Holman called for a second three times. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Upon a Maguire/Holman motion, the Board voted by majority to approve the 2016 Budget. Mr. Peters voted nay.

With all business completed, and upon a Holman/Maguire motion, the PTS voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

  
Helen Klinepeter  
Secretary