

UPPER MOUNT BETHEL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

AGENDA – PART I

1. Call to Order-Chairman Bermingham Jr. called the meeting to order @ 6:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call-Present in addition to Chairman Bermingham Jr. were Supervisor Due, Supervisor Teel, Supervisor DeFranco, Supervisor Pinter, and Township Manager Rick Fisher.
4. Approve the Agenda-**MOTION** by Supervisor Pinter, seconded by Supervisor Due to approve the Budget Meeting Agenda. Vote: 5-0.
5. Public Comment-None

AGENDA – PART II

Discussion on 2019 Project Costs-Township Manager Fisher discussed with the Board the 2019 Project Costs. Manager Fisher went over each project cost, where we cut the cost and how we can balance the budget with no tax increase. Projects included are police service, ambulance service, traffic light, Act 537 Plan, water study, northern tier trail, guiderail river rd., eastern buildings, a digital file scanning project, which will assist with administrative duties, a network upgrade, SlateFord bridge, and LERTA expansion. Total Costs: \$738,000. Manager Fisher and the Board of Supervisors were able to cut the costs down to \$404,000.

Manager Fisher stated that he wanted to provide the Board with an update regarding the Police. Manager Fisher stated he received a call from Principal Financial, Police Pension Fund, regarding one of the beneficiaries of a deceased police officer. Manager Fisher stated he visited the beneficiary and provided her with a death notification form to be completed. The beneficiary stated that she might not accept the pension, which could take her out of the loop and that she will provide the form to her son, an attorney, to review. She also stated that she has been in contact with one other police officer. Manager Fisher stated that he felt it was important for the Board to be aware of this current occurrence and that before they move forward with the police project, the Board should consider seeking legal assistance.

Line Item Review-Expenses- No Discussion

Recreation Budget-No Discussion

Fire Tax Budget-Manager Fisher discussed the Fire Tax Budget with the Board. He provided spreadsheets showing a comparison of a 1.5 mill budget and 1 mill budget. There was a discussion regarding the North Bangor Fire and Mt. Bethel Fire Co. budgets.

Liquid Fuels Budget-Manager Fisher discussed the Liquid Fuels Budget and how there are line items that are identical in the General Fund.

Road Machinery Budget-No Discussion

5 Year Plan-No Discussion

AGENDA- PART III

Public Comment-None

AGENDA – PART IV

Adjournment- **MOTION** by Supervisor Teel, seconded by Supervisor Pinter to adjourn the Budget Meeting @ 6:55 pm. Vote: 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Beck-Recording Secretary