



**WALLACE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 25, 2006**

The Chairman called the Special Meeting of the Wallace Township Board of Supervisors to order on Wednesday, January 25, 2005, at 7:35 PM in the Municipal Building.

Supervisors present: Robert V. Bock, Chairman
Jane M. Shields, Vice Chairman
Bryan W. McDonaugh, Member

BUSINESS

Mr. McDonaugh presented some recommendations for changing the 2006 budget. They are as follows:

Income (General Fund):	Current Number	Suggested Number
Earned Income Tax (EIT)	550,000	616,165
Motor Vehicle Violations	18,000	20,000
Snow & Ice Control Agreement	18,600	22,383

Notes: EIT number suggested is an increase of approximately 7% of the amount received in 2005. Snow & Ice Control Agreement is a contracted number received from the state and suggestion to increase was based on amount received in 2005.

Expenses (General Fund):	Current Number	Suggested Number
Administrative Salaries	100,400	70,500
EAC	16,900	8,450
Miscellaneous	5,000	3,000
Employee Benefits	38,290	32,055

Notes: Administrative Salaries number suggested would eliminate the hiring of part time office staff. EAC amount suggested would divide the current number over a two-year period. Miscellaneous number is a reduction in the amount spent on the volunteer appreciation dinner provided to members of all Commissions and Boards that serve in the township. Employee Benefits number suggested is the actual number as received by the township's insurance company.

Expenses (State Liquid Fuels):	Current Number	Suggested Number
Major Equipment Purchase	47,000	20,000

Notes: Number suggested is for the purchase of two used trucks or the purchase of one new truck with a lease and/or finance option over a 3-5 year period.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bock questioned the recommendation regarding the EAC. He stated that a major portion of the current number shown is tied into a 15-month grant from Chester County. Most of this money will be paid out up front and once the work is completed, a portion of the money spent will be reimbursed by the County. This reimbursement will not occur until next year. Does not feel that it would be accurate to spread this number out over a two-year period.

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Resident, Del Stafford asked if the amount received under the Snow & Ice Control Agreement is based on amount of work done or if it is a flat rate. If it is based on amount of work, he would prefer if the Board stay with the more conservative number. Ms. Shields stated that it is based on a flat contract rate and that sometimes, if the winter months are harsh, the state may send forms to see if townships are eligible for any further money.

Resident Cathy Poole, asked Mr. McDonough if he was proposing to increase the EIT. Mr. McDonough stated that he was not proposing to increase the EIT. His number is based on raises in income of residents and new families coming into the township. Township Treasurer stated that the number shown for EIT is a number that comes directly from Berkheimer, collector of the EIT. They had done projections for five years, which ended in 2004, and during those five years, one year actually dropped by 2%. Mr. McDonough asked if an increase in the number by 3-4% would be more realistic. Ms. Shields stated she would prefer to leave the number as is as income is so hard to predict.

Skip McGrew and Ken Nicely of the Planning Commission, Mark Eschbacher and Anna Guglielmo of the EAC, resident Joan Tlush and Mr. Bock all expressed concern over Mr. McDonough's suggestion to not hire part time office staff. They felt that with the training required and the workload that is sure to come, not hiring someone would be poor planning on the part of the township. With the workload that already exists and with the pending subdivisions it would be very short cited not to get someone in now while things are a little slower and start the training process. Township residents should not have to bear the burden of services being cut. They have come to rely on the service they receive in the office. Residents, Thomas Cooke, Laura Brooks and Polly Slonaker felt that there was no need to hire a part time person at this time and that hiring could be put off until the workload increases.

Township Treasurer stated that the number shown in the budget for Major Equipment Purchases in the 20% allowed by the state for purchase of new equipment. Mr. Bock stated that the Board would look at different options for purchase of a vehicle.

Township Treasurer stated that there have been some additional changes to the budget since its adoption. The amount of the Tax Collector's Bond has increased from \$100.00 to \$390.00 and the amount for DARC has increased from \$3,660.00 to \$3,900.00 due to the increase in usage, by township residents, of DARC services during the 4th quarter.

No motion was made regarding the proposals suggested by Mr. McDonough, therefore, no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next meeting is Wednesday, February 1, 2006, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly A. Milane-Sauro
Secretary