

Minutes of the Hanover Township **Finance Committee** Thursday, November 5, 2015

- I. Chairperson Trustee Howard Krick called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.
 - Roll Call: present were Trustee Krick, Supervisor McGuire, Administrator Barr, and Road Commissioner Ochoa, Assistant Administrator Powers, Management Analyst Hughes, and Accountant Howard.
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 26, 2015: The minutes from the Finance Committee meeting of January 26, 2015 were presented by Clerk Dolan Baumer for review and approval.
 - A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Supervisor McGuire and seconded by Administrator Barr and carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- III. Consideration of FY16 6-month Budget: Accountant James Howard led the committee through the 6-month's budget ending September 30, 2015. He reported that the Township is on target for this time of year; our reserves are at \$7.4 million.
- IV. Consideration of the Annual Tax Levy: Mr. Howard led the committee in a review of the determining factors for tax levy rates, noting that 91% of our revenue is from taxes. The CPI is projected at 0.8%, with not a lot of new money for the Township. EAV is expected to increase 3%. New growth is up in FY15. At this expected rate and growth, we would not have to publish or have a hearing on the Levy. He reviewed the historical tax rate and portion of the tax bill. The Township is 3.5% of the entire tax bill to our residents. We did capture some new growth in FY15, and again the CPI is at 0.8%, the EAV is 3%, and PTELL is at 0.985%
 - A motion was made by Supervisor McGuire to adhere to staff's recommendation of 0% over last year's Levy Extension for FY17. The motion was seconded by Chairman Krick and carried by unanimous voice vote.
- V. Consideration of Township Investments: Mr. Howard reviewed the bank accounts and investments; Hanover Park Community Bank is now our main depository instead of Chase. No amount higher than 33% of funds is at each institution. Mr. Barr noted that we would continue with the same investment strategy at the same institutions for the CDs.
- VI. Consideration of FY17 Budget Development Guidelines: Mr. Barr noted that personnel/salaries and non-salary items would see about a 1% growth. He recommended a 2.5% salary pool, with special requests for outstanding situations. Discussion ensued, resulting in a decision to authorize no new spending and to delay salary increases to midyear. Discussion also ensued on eliminating the health care payment to those who are not under the Township group insurance.
 - Supervisor McGuire made a motion to recommend that the budget include no new program spending to hold it flat to this year; and that the budget for potential salary increases in a pool of 2% and not released until mid-year. The motion was seconded by Chairman Krick and carried by unanimous roll call vote.
- VII. Executive Session: No motion was made to go into Executive Session.
- VIII. Other Business: Mr. Barr described a situation that exists resulting in a bill listed on this month's bill list that is a payout to Hanover Park for the legal fees involved in securing our portion of the released TIF funds.

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IX. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor McGuire and seconded by Chairman Krick, who adjourned the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Kathleen M. Dolan Baumer

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