

YORK TOWNSHIP

Special Work Session Meeting November 7 2019

Trustees – Chairman William Pavlick, Richard Monroe, Todd Zieja
Fiscal Officer Margaret (Peggy) Russell

Present:

Trustee Bill Pavlick, Chairman
Trustee Rick Monroe
Trustee Todd Zieja
Fiscal Officer Peggy Russell
Dorothy Crouch – Zoning, Cemetery

Also Present:

Dave Hull

Chairman Bill Pavlick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Trustee Pavlick stated the purpose of the meeting is to discuss the roads budget and other business before the trustees, and the meeting is being recorded for transcription purposes only.

The following spreadsheet provided by Fiscal Officer Russell gives an estimate of Revenue from 2019, and an estimate of projected revenue for 2020. The current expenses of 2019 other than specific road repair/paving are listed below. What this meant for 2019: After these semi fixed costs were deducted, the township had \$87K for paving and repair. We were able to complete a \$288K chip and seal on Erhart Road at a cost of \$40K to the township by utilizing OPWC funds in a joint effort with Litchfield. Without that money we would not have been able to pave anything. Due to the limited funds this year, the Trustees were cautious with repairs, doing only what was necessary. Next year we will see increases to the Road and Bridge fund of about \$60K. If all other expenses remain the same, it means the township should have \$212K for paving and repairs in 2020. If The Erhart Road project (\$288) is a typical project cost, we are still not able to pave a road every year, but could see possibly every other year, while keeping up with regular maintenance and repairs.

Based on Auditor projections, we should see an additional \$60K because of the Nexus project. This number is already less than the original project promised, and to further complicate matters, Nexus will appeal their financial assessment and try to reduce what they owe. This has been their method of operation throughout every jurisdiction they move through. So while we may see \$60k in 2020, if the Nexus appeal for reduction of what they promised to pay is approved, the township will have a decrease in funding in 2021. Suggestion: is the appeal process open to the public for comment? Can we get the coalition that was so vocal during the construction process to voice their opinion on the Nexus appeal for reduced payment for their pipeline impact. Is there still a legal matter pending on the ruling that the pipeline should not have had eminent domain status? Other utilities are also expected to appeal their new assessments and request reduced tax payments.

With the growth of the township and surrounding communities the roads have increased traffic. Stone Road between SR 252 and SR 18 was paved 4 years ago, but needs it again already. Branch, Wolff, Beck, Haury, all need repairs, paving and attention. Culvert repairs are costly. The new developments increase road mileage and fall to the township for maintenance.

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In the summer, we approached the Auditor to find out if we ran a levy in the fall, what would be projected income from a 1 mil (\$130K), 1.5 mil (\$195K). At that time, we learned if we waited until the assessments were complete, we may be able to raise the same amount of \$ and try for lower millage. Currently when Trustee Monroe checked with the Auditor, a 1 mil would generate \$155K costing a homeowner approximately \$35 per 100,000 of home valuation. There may be another valuation in the coming year, so waiting might have an impact on assessed values yielding more money from a levy. We also will have additional tax money from the gas tax passed this summer, and the license tax approved earlier this year. There is another permissive tax that was approved by the state. Hinckley and Brunswick Hills have implemented that and Montville is working towards the same, so we will look into proceeding with this for York. After seeing how funding may fluctuate, the trustees decided to see how the 2020 budget panned out for roads, with the appeals, new license taxes and assessments. We will have a better idea about how much additional would need to be generated to properly care for the roads, and we can visit the idea for levy funding next year in the fall, and educate the residents on the roads funding situation. We will try to be efficient with the money, and be conservative in the estimates for how much funding we actually need. No one wants to tax carelessly.

Roads Revenue and Expenses

Income	In Thousands	
	2019	2020
2031 Road and Bridge (From General Fund)	130	190
Gas Tax	104	144
New License Tax	0	25
Permissive MVA	15	15
MVA County	10	10
TOTAL	\$ 259.00	\$ 384.00

Expenses	2019
Fabrizi	75
Salt	25
Roadside Mow	20
Salaries	32
Electricity	12
Tax Collection	3
Taxes	5
	\$ 172.00

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Fabrizi Plowing – the Trustees will arrange a meeting with Fabrizi Trucking to discuss plowing protocol for the township this winter in an effort to save money and maintain control of plowing times.

Discussion ensued about the new electronic sign height. The installer's plan has the sign at 8'. The township rules call for a maximum of 6'. The sign has antennae that need to "talk" to each other, and must be in line of sight to communication. The higher sign will give sight to sight direct connect without tearing out shrubs and trees currently blocking sight line. This is a safety issue. Higher sign would be easier to see. We will go before the Zoning Board to see if we can get a variance. It may not be a winnable fight. We will look to put the name of the township below the sign and get the height lower in this method. We will pay the extra \$150 to lower the sign.

The Parks Levy of .5 mil needs to be renewed. Parks includes the playground area, lake, Gold Star Memorial Park, Pavilion, Restrooms, and the buildings and grounds of the Historical Society. Trustee Zieja asked why the levy was not originally passed for a longer term. Currently it runs for 5 years. People do not like to vote for a permanent tax, even though it will always be taxed at current valuation, and as the township grows and more residents move in the tax actually decreases. The renewal will not be an increased or new tax for residents. Fiscal Officer Russell will check with Prosecutor Brian Richtor as to how to proceed with placing the levy on the March 17, 2020 ballot.

RESOLUTION #19-11-01 Moved by Trustee Monroe, second by Trustee Zieja to place a Renewal Levy for Parks for .5 mil for 5 years on the spring ballot 2020. Roll: Monroe, yes; Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes.

Ohio Insurance Services has sent an OPEC Funding Plan. If the trustees approve, the funding will be handled by Ohio Insurance Services. As Healthcare expenditures are made, plan members can submit reimbursement paperwork to Frank Harman's office. They will track expenses per member, for each year of services and administer the plan. Reimbursements sent will be recorded and submitted monthly to the fiscal officer for repayment to the escrow account.

RESOLUTION #19-11-02 to Approve the OPEC Healthcare Funding agreement and allow Ohio Insurance Agency to track the 2020 HRA Funding for York Township. Moved by Trustee Zieja, second by Trustee Monroe. Roll: Monroe, yes; Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes.

Fallsway has 51-1 in for repairs, and discovered additional repairs over the original quote of \$1500. The need an additional \$2,000 to fix everything. **Moved** by Trustee Zieja, second by Trustee Monroe to approve a purchase order for \$2,000.00 additional dollars to completely repair 51-1 at Fallsway. Roll: Monroe, yes; Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes.

Disaster Policy – A partial disaster policy was handed to all trustees and Dorothy earlier in the year detailing what steps the township should take to ensure continuity of service and township financial responsibility in the event the fiscal officer became incapacitated. This policy was never

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formally adopted. Over the course of the year, we have added to that policy. In addition, we now have a disaster recovery plan in the event the township complex building and contents we to be destroyed in a natural event or fire or other disaster. The plan includes talking points for how to get the township back up and running, which tasks are primary, which are secondary. It includes a map of all township computers, cameras, and internet equipment.

RESOLUTION #19-11-03 to approve the complete Disaster Recovery Plan Policy for York Township. Moved by Trustee Zieja, second by Trustee Monroe. Roll: Monroe, yes; Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes.

Motion to Adjourn by Monroe, second by Zieja. Roll: Monroe, yes; Zieja, yes; Pavlick, yes.
Meeting adjourned 6:10pm

William Pavlick, Chairman

Margaret Russell, Fiscal Officer