

**WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING-BUDGET HEARING**

**July 2, 2009
6:45 P.M.**

Chairperson Jim Likley called to order the special meeting of the Westfield Township Board of Trustees at 6:45 p.m. Trustee Sims, Likley and Kratzer were present as well as Administrative Assistant Kim Ferencz. The purpose of the special meeting was a Budget Hearing for the 2010 Budget. Other individuals also in attendance were Ron Oiler, Heather Sturdevant, Sue Brewer and Dennis Delagrange.

Chair Likley stated that Fiscal Officer Evans has prepared a packet for the 2010 Budget. Chair Likley stated what he noticed in the packet was the declining income of the Township from 2007 to 2009 and projected to 2010. The revenue from 2008 to 2009 was down \$112,018.85. This is due to a decline in the Local Government Funding from the State as well as a reduction in interest earned. Chair Likley asked what the basis was for the loss of interest? Fiscal Officer Evans stated it was because of plummeting of interest rates.

Chair Likley stated the income in 2008 was substantially higher than in 2009 in part due to the economic crisis, which has hit the country. Fiscal Officer Evans stated the income was high in 2008 due in part to the fact that the Township received \$55,000 in estate tax.

Chair Likley asked what the fund entitled "Conservation Recreation" was? Fiscal Officer Evans stated that was for the Park. Chair Likley asked if the \$10,700 appropriated this year was for the Park? Fiscal Officer Evans stated yes. Chair Likley stated that figure was due to the removal of trees in the park. Fiscal Officer Evans stated the bill for the tree removal just came in today and it was \$2,000.00 so the amount for the Park is over appropriated. Therefore, the Township's carryover for next year may be larger than anticipated and added that every year that should be the case as a rule.

Chair Likley stated in the proposed budget for 2010, \$60,000 has been advanced out to the Fire Dept. He asked if that amount was over and above the revenue income for the Fire Dept.? Fiscal Officer Evans yes. It is coming from the General Fund and going into the Fire Fund. She added a \$30,000 transfer was also going to zoning.

Chair Likley asked what "Special Revenue Classification" (Fund 2031-Road and Bridge) Public Works-Other in the amount of \$150,000.00 was anticipated for? Fiscal Officer Evans stated that was for road projects. Chair Likley asked if that was the Township's portion of the Issue 1 Money? Fiscal Officer Evans stated it could be, but right now we don't know how much that amount will be. She added in 2007 the amount was \$130,000 and in 2008 the Trustees didn't do any road projects. Trustee Sims stated the Trustees were anticipating having to do an upgrade to Westfield Landing Rd. that never came to

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fruition. She added that regarding that same category, \$150,000 was appropriated in 2009 that was not expended, so essentially that was being carried over.

Chair Likley asked about fund 2191 (Fire levy.) He asked under total revenues what was the source of those revenues? Fiscal Officer responded real estate tax, personal property tax and charges for service, which was the contract with Gloria Glens. The category Fees is Life Force which was the soft-billing. "Other" would be the roll back for real estate tax and income. Miscellaneous was the reimbursement for the Fire Chief's salary and insurance. Chair Likley asked about Permissive Motor Vehicle License tax under Public works-Other 2009-2010. Fiscal Officer Evans stated that was for roads.

Chair Likley made a motion to approve the proposed 2010 Budget for Westfield Township consisting of \$1,170,762. Trustee Kratzer seconded the motion.

Discussion

Trustee Kratzer stated that amount was \$400,000 less than in the past. Trustee Sims stated that the budget was down to due to a decline in income and interest rates.

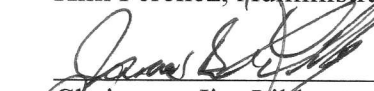
ROLL CALL-Likley-yes, Kratzer-yes, Sims-yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kratzer made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing. It was seconded by Trustee Sims.


ROLL CALL- Kratzer-yes, Sims-yes, Likley-yes. Motion carried.

The Budget Hearing ended at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Ferencz, Administrative Assistant


Chairman, Jim Likley


Trustee, Tim Kratzer


Trustee, Carolyn Sims

Approved 8/6/09