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**SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Salandra called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Present:

Kevin A. Salandra, Chairman

William Beers

James Jeffers - absent

Samuel Mollica

Mark Sullivan

Staff present:

Shawn Arbaugh, Manager

Shelly Reasinger, Secretary-Treasurer

Michael Haynes, Engineer

Kris Kruzalak, Police Chief

Others Via Phone/In Person: See Attached

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Salandra led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Sandy Township Board of Supervisors will conduct a special meeting for the annual planning of the 2022 budget on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. at the Sandy Township Municipal Building located at 1094 Chestnut Avenue, DuBois, PA 15801. The public can also attend by telephone by calling into 814-371-1815 and using Pin No. 223344.

Shawn Arbaugh, Township Manager

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STAFF PRESENTATION

Manager Arbaugh presented the proposed 2022 Budgets to the Board of Supervisors. Manager Arbaugh said the 2022 budget does not propose a tax increase or sewer/water rate increases.

The proposed General Fund budget includes additional funding for a new roof and insulation on the maintenance garage (\$15,000), a new Police SUV (\$49,000), Taser Replacement (\$35,900), In-Car cameras (\$32,500), funds for purchasing recycling containers and recycling advertisements (\$10,000), an allocation for economic

STAFF PRESENTATION (cont.)

development activities (\$2,500), increase in hydrant fees for the installation of 54 hydrants in Treasure Lake (\$9,000), an increase in legal fees associated with the consolidation processes (\$25,000), an allocation for Wolf Creek mini grant match (\$10,000) and an allocation for a Township wide newsletter (\$8,000).

The Municipal Authority budget includes engineering and permitting for the Kiwanis Trail Phase 3, Platt Road sewer extension, Brady Street water valve replacement, and Slab Run water line replacement (\$175,000). The budget also includes an increase in legal fees associated with the consolidation processes (\$25,000) and construction for Platt Road sewer extension (\$150,000).

The Highway Equipment Fund budget includes purchases of a portion of a new loader or a match for 2 new dump trucks if a grant is obtained from DCED (\$82,500).

The New Building Fund budget includes no expenditures.

The Highway Aid Fund (State Liquid Fuels Fund) will be used for many road improvement costs anticipated for 2022 and winter maintenance costs. Proposed road work for 2022 includes \$160,000 for tar and chip for 10 miles of roadway including Ice Plant, Cummings, Cain, Spafford, No. 2 Shaft, Garman, Bogle, Lines, Dunlap, Eddinger, Brown School, Kiehlmeier, Paul Short and Goat Roads. It also includes \$300,000 worth of paving for S. 8th Street, 10th Street, Walnut Avenue, Park from Spider Lake Road to Nelson's Golden Years if the roadway is turned over to the Township. The budget includes \$75,000 for a portion of either a new loader or 2 new dump trucks.

The Capital Reserve Fund budget includes \$60,000 for a new roof and insulation on the maintenance garage and \$100,000 matching funds for Maple Ave/Shaffer Road sidewalk project if the grants are awarded.

Manager Arbaugh spoke on behalf of Supervisor Jeffers who asked the following: for the 1-mill New Building Tax be eliminated and the funds from that tax returned to the taxpayers and to also spend down some of the Capital Reserve funds by do more paving in Sabula and other outlying areas.

Supervisors Salandra, Beers, Mollica and Sullivan suggested they stick to the five-year paving plan and not do any additional paving projects.

COMMENTS

Supervisor Salandra would like the proposed General Fund Appointed Officials line item increased by \$6,000.

A \$4,000 increase to administration was suggested in the proposed Municipal Authority budget.

COMMENTS (cont.)

Barry Abbott, Treasure Lake, suggested the following: keeping the 1-mill new building tax and build a new fire station for Northpoint; keep the money for fire department use; sell any highway equipment to Treasure Lake at a reduced cost; extend the Manager's contract for two additional years; the Board of Supervisors and City Council should meet and put down goals for consolidation.

ADJOURN

Special Budget Workshop Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelly A. Reasinger". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Shelly A. Reasinger, Secretary-Treasurer