

WARWICK TOWNSHIP
Board of Supervisors' Public Budget Discussion Meeting Minutes
NOVEMBER 17, 2008

Members Present: Judith A. Algeo, Esq., Chair
Edward P. Thompson, Vice Chairman
John Cox, Member

Others Present: Gail Weniger, Township Manager
Tom Scott, Assistant Manager
Mary Eberle, Solicitor

■ **CALL TO ORDER:**

The Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' November 17, 2008 public meeting, held at Warwick Township Administration Office, 1733 Township Greene, Jamison, PA., was called to order at 7:00 p.m., Chair, Judith Algeo who then led attendees in the pledge of allegiance.

■ **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. November 3, 2008 (exhibit)
2. November 10, 2008 (exhibit)

**Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve the Board of Supervisors' November 3, 2008 and November 10, 2008 public meeting minutes, as submitted.
Second to motion by Mr. Cox.**

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

■ **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Chair Algeo reported that the Board of Supervisors had met in executive session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss matters of litigation.

■ **CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

➤ Warwick Road residents were present to ask for an update regarding Mr. Kalnajs' rooster. Tom Scott reported that the meeting with Mr. Kalnajs and his attorney resulted in a promise to remove the rooster, moving the pens to the required setbacks, to obtain permits for the unpermitted structures, and to get rid of one car. Mr. Scott also reported that the appeal period for the zoning violation had expired, but the building code appeal period was still in effect.

Mary Eberle, Township Solicitor, reminded the residents that the process to address the nuisance against their neighbor might be best handled as a private action.

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■ **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

⇒ 2009 Budget Draft Presentation (exhibit)

Ms. Weniger provided a Power Point presentation of the 2009 Budget Draft. Ms. Weniger reported that the draft budget assumes a 2 mill increase in taxes in support of the General Fund and assumes the adoption of the Local Service Tax. After the presentation, the Manager noted that it would be appropriate for the Board to consider the Local Service Tax ordinance prior to authorizing the advertisement of the draft budget. Ms. Weniger also reminded that this is the fifth time the budget items has been discussed in a public meeting and that at the last meeting, the budget was reviewed line item by line item. She believes the budget reflects bare bones operations for 2009.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to authorize advertisement of the proposed 2009 Draft Budget.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

⇒ Public Hearing – Ordinance N^o: 2008-04 – Local Services Tax – Consider Adoption (exhibit)

It was reported that this ordinance was legally advertised for this public hearing and is being considered for adoption this evening.

Greg Mester, Fairway Drive, presented the Board of Supervisors with a written opinion regarding his opposition to implementing a Local Services Tax.

Pat McCarty, resident on Watson Road and president of Warwick Fire Company also believes that employees should not have to pay a tax and that this tax would be too costly for businesses. Mr. McCarty also believes that increasing the real estate mills further was preferable.

Supervisor Cox, who owns a business in the Township weighed carefully the pros and cons of each type of tax but believed that raising the real estate tax further would be ;more harmful to businesses who tend to have larger assessments.

Ms. Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-04 implementing the Local Service Tax for 2009.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Thompson authorizing advertisement of the 2009 Budget to be considered for adoption December 15, 2008

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

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Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Bill Payments - November 17, 2008 (exhibit)

General Fund		
Check N ^o . 15902 - 158955	\$	107,831.11
Park & Recreation		
Check N ^o . 4794 through 4855	\$	7,603.40
Capital Projects Fund		
Check N ^o . 1100 - 1102	\$	6,949.00
Highway Aid Fund		
Check N ^o . 2538	\$	<u>14,283.88</u>
Total -	\$	<u>136,667.39</u>

Motion by Mr. Thompson to approve Bill Payments for November 17, 2008, subject to audit.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

⇒ Treasurer's Report – October 2008 (exhibit)

General Fund	\$	3,655,976
Firehouse and Equipment		1,082,274
Road Machinery Fund		226,432
General Obligation / Sinking Fund		942,123
Open Space Fund		122,069
Capital Projects Fund		1,448,005
Highway Aid Fund		113,367
Parks and Recreation		600,399
Capital Reserve		<u>586,598</u>
Total	\$	<u>8,777,243</u>

Motion by Mr. Thompson to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2008, as prepared by Rose Christie, Finance Director, and subject to audit.

Second to motion by Mr. Cox.

Chair Algeo invited comment or discussion. There being none, the vote was called.

Motion passed unanimously.

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- **NEW BUSINESS:** There was no new business to discuss this evening.
- **OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business to discuss this evening.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment this evening.
- **ADJOURNMENT:**

The November 17, 2008, Warwick Township Board of Supervisors' public meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Gail V. Weniger,
Township Manager/Secretary

These minutes were approved at the
Board of Supervisors' meeting held: **December 1, 2008**