

**West Mead Township
Supervisors Special Public and Budget Meeting
Minutes – October 27, 2020**

The October 27, 2020, Public Meeting of the West Mead Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 4:30 p.m. at the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Chief Brown and Jill Dunlap.

Public Comment:

None

New Business:

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to ratify to approve Dwyer Plumbing & Excavating Company crush approximately 3,328 square yards of Township millings, estimated at \$14,709.76. Discussion followed and Shartle recommended to table the motion to get more accurate figures, as they did not crush all the millings and reconsider the motion at the next meeting. All agreed and the motion will be considered by the Board in November.

The Board discussed various budget items as the Secretary/Treasurer is still trying to finalize the 2021 Budget for consideration at the November meeting. Options discussed included a real estate tax increase, estimated decrease in State Liquid Fuels Funds that will not be enough to completely fund the 2021 DeVore Road paving and road project, department positions, equipment purchases, tax collection and street light billing options and use of the Capital Reserve Fund and Capital Reserve Interest Fund monies. She provided information on the current 4.25 mills and gave examples of costs an average resident pays in taxes per year. Dunlap noted she was looking for direction as the Expenditures have been more than the Revenues for the last several years. As we continue to rely on using our Carryover Fund Balance each year, it decreases every year and we have less to get us through the first quarter of each year until we begin receiving tax revenues starting in April. Bovard indicated he was not in favor of raising taxes. He recommended a budget be prepared with revenues and expenses showing figures closer to actual costs instead of underestimating revenues and overestimating expenditures. Jordan recommended a second option also be prepared with an increase of 1 mill in real estate taxes. Dunlap noted these discussions are extremely helpful as they provide direction with plugging figures into the working budget which will continue right up until the November meeting.

Public Comment:

None

Supervisors Final Comment:

None

Being no further business, Shartle moved, Bovard seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to an executive session for litigation matters. Vote - All Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Dunlap
Secretary