

West Mead Township

Supervisors Public Meeting

Minutes – November 14, 2023

The November 14, 2023, Public Meeting of the West Mead Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Present were Supervisors Bovard, Jordan and Shartle. Also present: Paul Martin, Penni Dallas, Dennis Lanagan, Chief Brown, Alan Shaddinger, Mike Crowley and Jill Dunlap.

Public Comment:

None

Regular Business:

Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to approve the October 10, 2023 Study Session and Regular Meeting Minutes and October 23, 2023 Special Budget Meeting Minutes, as presented. Vote - All Approved.

Shartle moved, Jordan seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report for October 2023 and approve payment of bills in the amount of \$111,537.73, subject to audit. Vote - All Approved.

Municipal Reports:

Chief Brown read the Police Report.

Shartle gave the Road Report. He noted the Road Department provided one day of winter maintenance, performed park maintenance and closed the restrooms for the winter, cold patched on various roadways, prepped equipment for winter and leaf collection in the past month. Dennis Lanagan asked about Golden Drive and Autumn Hills.

Dunlap gave the Zoning Report and discussed various single family demolition projects.

New Business:

The Secretary reviewed the Proposed 2024 Budget. She discussed revenues, expenditures and carryover fund balances for all funds. She noted this is a no tax increase budget. West Mead Township has no outstanding debt as we have repaid our Capital Reserve Fund back for two equipment purchases made over the last few years instead of taking out loans or leases from financial institutions. Dunlap provided information for all departments including General Fund Police Grant monies that are anticipated in 2024 for technology and radio purchases, increased Fire Department payments of an additional \$1,000.00 to be given to both departments and various equipment and software purchases. She discussed personnel and wage expenditures and anticipated insurance costs. Liquid Fuels Fund monies are anticipated to be received from the state gas tax and she noted the Capital Reserve Interest Fund account would

also be used to offset anticipated road paving project costs. The Capital ARPA Fund monies are required to be spent in 2024 and are being allocated as shown. She noted the Act 13 Gas Fund will be spent on Oakgrove Park items and assimilated into the General Funds going forward. Overall, she indicated the budget is pretty straight forward. As in past years, the main items she said could be trimmed are equipment purchases and road projects due to estimated costs. She expressed concerns over future lower projected revenues and increased expenditures that may not be sustainable going forward.

Jordan moved, Bovard seconded to adopt and advertise the Proposed 2024 Budget with no tax increase. The adoption of the Final 2024 Budget will be considered at the December 12, 2023 Supervisors' meeting. Vote – All Approved.

The Chairman noted vacuuming of leaves by the Road Department will continue as long as the weather holds out. The basic schedule will continue as in years past, with Monday-Tuesday on the south side and Wednesday-Thursday on the north side of the Township. Residents may also bag their leaves and call the township building to arrange for pickup by the Road Department or for more information.

Final Public Comment:

None

Supervisors Final Comment:

Jordan had nothing further at this time.

Shartle reminded residents to secure their mailboxes before winter.

Bovard wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Being no further business, Jordan moved, Shartle seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. to an Executive Session for Litigation for Stormwater Matters. Vote - All Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill M. Dunlap
Secretary