

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2019

Present: Stephen Byrne, Susan Powell, Walter 'Bok' Read, Andrew Haines, Vince Visoskas

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

1. 10-year Fiscal Plan (estimates, no project narratives)

Mr. Haines stated the Township charter requires a three-year plan for Capital Improvements. Mr. Visoskas stated their intern had been working on a fleet replacement schedule. Mr. Byrne asked if there will be any new equipment for the year 2020. Mr. Haines stated in 2020 the Township will be replacing the M6 F-250 truck and in 2021 will be replacing the M16, F-360 truck. He stated they are also looking into a hauling trailer to assist in summer maintenance. Mr. Byrne asked how many trucks does the Township own. Mr. Haines stated 8 vehicles. Mr. Visoskas stated the Township is starting to set aside approximately \$217,000 to jump start the vehicle replacement program. Mr. Haines stated they will start a sinking fund with the first year taking a bigger bite of the fund. Mr. Visoskas stated at the end of the intern's time at the Township, he was looking at the Fire Equipment replacement program and worked with Mr. Kirchgasser and Mr. Shropshire. Mr. Visoskas stated they are looking into replacing a pumper in 2023. He stated they are budgeting money for a fire service study regarding the future of the fire service in the Township. Mr. Haines stated one of the issues for the future of the fire service in Middletown is the Township owns a lot of equipment but in the future, there may not be a lot of volunteers especially during the daytime hours. Mr. Read asked if the fire fighters are paid at all. Mr. Haines replied they are all volunteers. He stated he is working with Mr. Drennen on a program for incentives to maintain manpower. Mr. Visoskas stated if a fire company fails, the Township owns the assets.

Mr. Visoskas stated the budget is working at acquiring a pavilion with restrooms at Sleighton which may cost approximately \$150,000. He stated they have been working with an architect regarding this Capital Expense.

2. 2020 Draft Capital Items

Mr. Haines stated Elwyn, Inc. is looking to redevelop their property as they are relocating. He stated the Township is prioritizing funds for the Smedley master plan. He stated they should be able to authorize Mr. Janetka to prepare the bids for the parking lot and inner driveway. He also stated by the Spring, the playing fields and the parking lot should be open to the public. Mr. Visoskas stated they are budgeting approximately \$250,000 for park land development. Mr. Byrne asked how much Rose Tree Soccer contributes to the maintenance of Sleighton Park. Mr. Haines stated \$4,000 per year. Mr. Haines added the Golf outing finished with approximately \$22,000. Mr. Read asked what the fields will be allowed to have at Smedley. Mr. Haines stated according to the agreement there can be

no permanent structures such as goal posts or backstops. Mr. Byrne stated the Township needs more baseball fields. Mrs. Powell asked if the Township could use the fields at Penncrest High School. Mr. Haines stated the fields would be too far away from the park. Mr. Byrne stated the Media Girls Softball League allow girls from Middletown to join, but we do not have a field for their use.

Mr. Visoskas reported on the Roosevelt School redevelopment. He stated the Township has \$4 million from the Bond issue. He stated the project may have to be done in phases. Mrs. Powell stated there are five items to be addressed; the parking lot, the courtyard, the Veterans Memorial, a playground and landscaping. Mr. Haines suggested using rain gardens at the location.

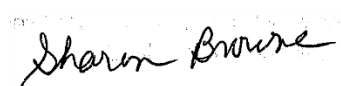
Mr. Visoskas reported a revenue stream from taxes of approximately \$400,000 per year. He stated 75% will be used for the loop road and 25% for fire equipment. Mr. Haines stated in the General Fund Balance if there is a 5% balance over the budget, this amount can be transferred to unrestricted Capital Funds.

Mr. Visoskas stated approximately 32.3 miles of road resurfacing is done each year, which comes from the Liquid Fuels Fund. Mr. Haines stated there are approximately 57 - 60 miles of Township roads and approximately 27 miles of State Roads. He stated certain roads such as Van Leer Avenue should not be state roads. Mr. Visoskas stated roads last approximately 25 - 35 years. Mr. Haines stated this can be discussed in the next Roads and Highways Committee Meeting.

Mr. Haines stated due to the Chinese economy, the 2014 GEO Bond did well. He stated there was an approximate \$110,000 savings in the year. Mr. Visoskas stated the information before the committee is a draft and the Final Plan will have a summary.

Mr. Byrne adjourned the meeting at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Browne".

Sharon Browne