

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

BUDGET MEETING

November 10, 2010

Plymouth Township Council held a Budget Meeting this evening at the Plymouth Township Building. The following officials were in attendance:

Council: Vince Gillen ----- Chairman
Mary Lou Readinger ----- Vice-Chairman
Dean Eisenberger
Sheldon Simpson
Maria Weidinger

Staff: Karen Weiss -----Township Manager
Tim Creelman ----- Finance Director

The Budget Meeting was called to order by Chairman Gillen at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment – There was no public comment pertaining to any items advertised on the agenda.

Presentation of 2011 General Fund Budget – Ms. Weiss explained that the 2011 Budget was presented to Council on October 15, 2010. Advertised workshop meetings were held on October 18th and October 28th with departmental directors and the Township Emergency Services providers – Harmonville and Plymouth Fire Companies and Plymouth Community Ambulance Association. Final adoption is scheduled for the regular meeting on December 13, 2010. A preliminary budget document is available to the public this evening. Ms. Weiss highlighted the 2011 General Fund Budget as follows: 1) Revenues are projected at \$16,957,719 \$ 2) Earned Income Tax represents 25%of revenues, 3) Business Taxes are 34% of revenues, 4) Real Estate Taxes are 15% of revenues, 5) Real Estate Millage remains at 1.6 mills which has remained the same since 1996 when taxes were reduced. Total General Fund Expenditures for 2011 are projected at \$ \$19,609,803, a .99% decrease from the 2010 figure.

The Police Department is the largest expenditure at 28%, followed by Sanitation and Highway at 11%. Parks, Recreation and Community Center subsidy is approximately 6% of the budget and Fire and Emergency Services are about 7%.

The proposed Capital Projects for 2011 were outlined.

Sewer Fund - Tim Creelman stated that the Township sewer fund revenues are budgeted at \$2,140,000 and the expenditures are \$2,483,000. Mr. Creelman stated that it appears there is a deficit in the sewer fund budget however repairs and maintenance expenses never reach the amount budgeted for such. All revenues in the sewer fund come from sewer billing, interest, lien charges and late payment fees. The amount that the Township collects in sewer rates is used to cover what is being spent in treating the sewage at the plants. Mr. Creelman stated that the sewer fund breaks even and is in good shape. No increase in the sewer rates is recommended at this time.

Capital Reserve Fund - Tim Creelman highlighted the revenues and expenditures for the year 2011 including the capital reserve amount expected at the end of the year. Mr. Creelman reviewed the line items in the Capital Reserve and explained the purpose for each. The beginning budget is \$7.6 million with expenditures in the amount of \$532,000 leaving a fund balance of approximately \$7 million.

Contributions to:

a) Fire Companies and Plymouth Ambulance - The Township will contribute to each fire company for capital expenses and the allocation for 2011 will remain the same as 2010. The Township's contribution to Plymouth Ambulance will also remain the same as last year.

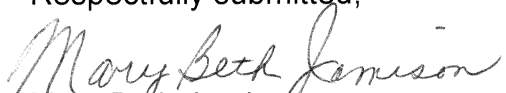
b) Non-Profit Organizations - The following contributions were discussed and deemed appropriate for 2011: Norristown Public Library - \$12,000 2) Visiting Nurses Association - \$4,000 3) Colonial Neighborhood Council Meals on Wheels - \$2,000 4) Elmwood Park Zoo - \$2,000 5) Victim Services Center - \$1,000 6) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program - \$1,500 and 7) Montgomery County Emergency Services - \$1,000.

c) Youth Sports Leagues - The following contributions were discussed and deemed appropriate for 2011: 1) Plymouth Jr. ABA - \$3,500, 2) Plymouth Soccer - \$4,000, 3) Plymouth Little League - \$5,000 4) Greater Norristown Wrestling - \$1,000 5) Plymouth Whitmarsh Ice Hockey - \$3,000 6) P.W. Spartans Football and Cheerleading - \$3,000 and 7) Conshohocken Little League - \$1,200.

Mr. Gillen mentioned that when the 2011 budget was discussed, the Fire Marshal's office requested the purchase of a new SUV for its department. Mr. Gillen mentioned that Mr. Eisenberger suggested that this vehicle instead be given to the Police Department. Mr. Gillen suggested adding a new Crown Victoria vehicle back into the budget since the police had originally requested adding four new vehicles to its fleet. The Police Department could then give one of its older vehicles to the Fire Marshal's office for its use. Council discussed and agreed with Mr. Gillen's recommendation. Ms. Readinger was not in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Beth Jamison". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Beth Jamison
Recording Secretary