

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING NOV. 9, 2015



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT: 3 PM (TIME) BY VAUGHN E. TANTLINGER

ROLL CALL:

PAUL ALTIMUS- PRESENT JAMES BROWN-PRESENT SOLICITOR-ABSENT

VAUGHN TANTLINGER-PRESENT SECRETARY-PRESENT (E. BRENDLINGER) CITIZENS-3

PURPOSE OF MEETING: GO OVER THE 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET--SECRETARY PRESENTED THE ENTIRE BUDGET WITH SUPERVISORS. SECRETARY TOLD AUDIENCE THAT THE BUDGET WAS PREPARED AT THE OLD TAX MILLAGE OF 3.1 AND PROPOSE TAX MILLAGE OF 4.1 MILLS. VAUGHN ASKED IF TWP DOING THE 3.1 OR 4.1? SECRETARY GAVE SUPERVISORS COPY OF INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM PSATS-HOLLY FISCHEL-TAX RESOLUTION FOR AN INCREASE. TAX CLAIM BUREAU FINALLY CALLED AND SAID TWP WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT A HARD COPY LETTER REGARDING ANY TAX INCREASE—BUT TO EMAIL OR FAX AS SOON AS TWP PASSES. SECRETARY ALSO CALLED DCED AND HAS NOT HEARD FROM THEM YET. SECRETARY STATED PSATS GAVE US AN EXAMPLE RESOLUTION, BUT IT STATES TO GO THRU YOUR SOLICITOR. PAUL ASKED IF WHAT TWP DID LAST TIME, SECRETARY STATED LOOKS LIKE IT WAS DONE WITH A RESOLUTION ONLY. THIS IS THE BUDGET FIGURES PREPARED AND PROVIDED TO THE SUPERVISORS AND THE PUBLIC.

END RESULTS: RESOLUTION #5-2015 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION—3.1 mills

GENERAL FUND ROAD FUND

AVAILABLE \$410,930.00 AVAILABLE \$621.00 EXPENSES \$410,930.00 EXPENSES \$621.00

STATE FUND ACT 13 FUND

AVAILABLE \$248,160.00 AVAILABLE \$97,150.00 EXPENSES \$248,160.00 EXPENSES \$97,100.00

TOTAL BALANCED BUDGET \$756,861-(ALL FUNDS) ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT FOR 2016 IS RES. #6-2015

END RESULTS: RESOLUTION # 5-2015 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION—4.1 mills

GENERAL FUND ROAD FUND

AVAILABLE \$434,430.00 AVAILABLE \$621.00 EXPENSES \$434,430.00 EXPENSES \$621.00

STATE FUND ACT 13 FUND

AVAILABLE \$248,160.00 AVAILABLE \$97,150.00 EXPENSES \$248,160.00 EXPENSES \$97,150.00

TOTAL BALANCED BUDGET \$780,361-(ALL FUNDS) ANNUAL BUDGET REPORT FOR 2016 IS RES. #6-2015

VAUGHN STATED THAT FOR TODAY'S MEETING, SINCE THE SUPERVISORS ARE LOOKING TO INCREASE TAXES, TO REVIEW THE 4.1 PROPOSED BUDGET. PAUL AND JIM AGREED. VAUGHN SAID ABOUT CONTACTING SOLICITOR REGARDING THE TAX INCREASE. PAUL ASKED IF SECRETARY PREPARED BOTH WAYS. SECRETARY STATED YES, AT THE OCTOBER MEETING IT WAS TO BE 3.1, AND VAUGHN TOLD HER LATER ABOUT THE 4.1. SECRETARY STATED THAT THERE IS A 3.1 AND 4.1 PACKET. THE 4.1 PACKET HAS A COMPLETE SET-INCLUDES STATE, ROAD, AND ACT 13 PAPERS. BUT THE 3.1 HAS PAPERS FOR ON THE 3.1 TAX AND GENERAL FUND THAT IS BECAUSE THE TAX INCREASE WOULD ONLY AFFECT THE GENERAL FUND, BUT THE TOTALS ARE ALL ACCOUNTS ON BOTH SUMMARIES (PAGE 4). SECRETARY STATED THAT ON 4.1 SUMMARY TOTALS THE TOTAL BALANCED BUDGET FOR ALL ACCOUNTS IS ESTIMATED AT FOR RES #6-2015 \$780,361 THE TAX RESOLUTION #5-2015 FOR THE TAX INCREASE WOULD HAVE TO BE ADOPTED FIRST, WHICH INCREASES THE TAX MILLAGE TO 4.1 MILLS FOR 2016. PAUL STATED THAT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 3.1 AND 4.1 MILLS WOULD BE APPROX. \$23,000. SECRETARY CONFIRMED THAT SHE USED \$23,500. SECRETARY SAID THE SUMMARY OF EACH ACCOUNT AND TOTAL OF ALL ACCOUNTS TO GET THE TOTAL ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR 2016. SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT TWP. HAS PUT IN FOR GRANTS FOR THE ROAD FUND, BUT COULD NOT PUT A FIGURE IN FOR 2016 UNTIL WE KNOW IF TWP. GETS ANY GRANTS. SECRETARY STATED IF IT IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY, THE TWP. WILL THEN HAVE TO AMEND BUDGET FIGURES BY A RESOLUTION. SECRETARY ASKED IF THERE WAS ANYWHERE THEY WANTED HER TO START. ON ACT 13 SHE ESTIMATED RECEIVING \$72,000 REVENUE FOR 2016. VAUGHN SAID TO GO WITH THAT FIGURE. VAUGHN ASKED IF THEY SEE ANY REASON THE NEED TO GO OVER EACH ITEM ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET? PAUL SAID NO, HE HAS ENOUGH TENURE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS THE PROCESS—VAUGHN SAID HE DID ALSO. PAUL STATED TO JUST ACKNOWLEDGE THE SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS WHICH SHOWS ALL ACCOUNTS ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES INTO A BALANCED BUDGET. SECRETARY STATED SHE CHANGED THE FORMAT SO THAT SHE CAN RECORD THE 2 PREVIOUS YEARS INFORMATION FROM THE PROFIT AND LOSS REPORTS FROM QUICK BOOKS. THEN THE CURRENT YEAR HAS WHAT WAS RECEIVED AND EXPENSES TO OCT. 12, 2015. VAUGHN SAID THAT PAUL CAN CALL SOLICITOR TOMORROW TO INFORM HIM OF WHAT THEIR PLAN IS, SECRETARY HAS 2016 BUDGET PREPARED BOTH WAYS. PAUL ASKED HOW SECRETARY GETS THE JANUARY 1 CASH (CKG,SAVINGS) FIGURE. SECRETARY STATED IT IS THE BALANCE ESTIMATED TO BE CARRIED FROM 2015 TO JAN. 2016. SECRETARY EXPLAINED MAY HAVE TO DO A SUPPLEMENT TO THE BUDGET. VAUGHN ASKED JIM IF HE HAD ANY QUESTIONS—JIM REPLIED NO. VAUGHN ASKED PAUL ANY QUESTIONS PAUL REPLIED NO. PAUL ASKED SECRETARY IF TWP RECEIVED THE ESTIMATE FROM LIQUID FUELS ON THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TWP WILL RECEIVE? SECRETARY SAID YES, THAT IS WHERE SHE GOT THE FIGURES SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT ON THE SUMMARY IT IS INCLUDED IN 350 FOR THE STATE FUND, AND ON ITS OWN-ON PAGE 11—TWP WILL RECEIVE \$187, 415 AND RD TURNBACK IN AMOUNT OF \$22,520. VAUGHN ASKED IF IT WAS A 6% INCREASE? SECRETARY SAID SHE THINKS LAST YEAR MONEY WAS TAKEN OUT FOR THE BRIDGE INSPECTIONS THAT THE STATE DOES FOR US. VAUGHN SAID HE THOUGHT HE READ THERE WAS TO BE AN INCREASE BECAUSE OF THE GAS TAX. VAUGHN STATED HE APPRECIATES THE HARD WORK THE SECRETARY PUTS INTO PREPARING THE PROPOSED BUDGET. SECRETARY ASKED IF SHE COULD ASK QUESTIONS? VAUGHN REPLIED YES.

DISCUSSION: SECRETARY-EMMA BRENDLINGER ASKED WHAT THE TAX INCREASE WAS GOING TO BE USED FOR, HER CONCERN IS THAT THE TWP RECEIVES ACT 13 AND IT IS AN EXTRA \$70,000 TWP RECEIVES A YEAR; AND IN THE FUTURE THAT COULD DWINDLE OR EVEN GO AWAY, AND THEN WHAT FINANCIAL POSITION

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WOULD THE TWP BE IN THEN? PAUL SAID ACT 13 IS NOT A GUARANTEE. SECRETARY SAID THAT IS WHAT SHE MEANS. VAUGH SAID IT WAS 6 YEARS AGO THAT THE TWP RAISED TAXES BEFORE. PAUL SAID BECAUSE OF INFLATION, STILL GETTING HIT WITH SWIF, FUEL, PLASTIC PIPE, INSURANCES GO UP YEARLY. DANIEL BRENDLINGER SAID THEY ANNOUNCE THAT THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE WENT DOWN FOR NEXT YEAR. PAUL SAID TWP HAS OTHER INSURANCES BUILDING, AUTO, . VAUGHN SAID NOT OUR RAW MATERIALS, PIPE, AND STONE. JIM STATED ANTI-SKID. SECRETARY SAID THOUGHT STONE WOULD BE LEFT OVER FOR THE PROJECTS THAT RUSSELL STANDARD WAS TO COMPLETE, BUT NOW THEY ARE NOT DUE TO THE TIME OF YEAR. VAUGHN SAID NO, THE DID NOT PURCHASE THE STONE. PAUL DID NOT KNOW WHERE SHE GOT THAT INFORMATION. SECRETARY EXPLAINED ABOUT THE #8 AND #9, THOUGHT IT WAS FOR 2 DIFFERENT PROJECTS. PAUL SAID IT IS FOR 2 DIFFERENT ROADS. VAUGHN SAID NO STONE WILL BE LEFT OVER, MAY HAVE TO ORDER MORE. SECRETARY STATED SHE WAS UPSET ABOUT NO RAISE AND BY HER NOT PARTICIPATING IN HEALTH INS., IT SAVES THE TWP A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF MONEY EVERYONE ELSE GOT A RAISE. THE INSURANCE PREMIUM MAY BE MORE FOR DANIEL AND HER BECAUSE OF THEIR AGES. DANIEL BRENDLINGER ALSO SAID PLUS SECRETARY HAD A WEEK LAYOFF AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS TO GET A WEEK OFF TOO. SECRETARY SAID SHE WAS TOLD IT WAS BECAUSE OF NO MONEY, DANIEL STATED BUT THEN THE TEMP. EMPLOYEE GOT A RAISE. SECRETARY STATED THAT WAS ANOTHER REASON WHY SHE ASKED WHAT THE TAX INCREASE WAS ABOUT, SHE DID NOT GET A RAISE, AND SHE FEELS SHE HAS BEEN A GOOD EMPLOYEE FOR 30 YEARS AND NEVER SAID ANYTHING AFTER IT WAS TABLED FOR ABOUT 3 MONTHS. JIM POINTED OUT THAT THE AUDITORS GAVE THEM THE RAISE, BUT SECRETARY STATED THE SUPERVISORS ASKED AUDITORS FOR A RAISE. SECRETARY SAID SUPERVISORS GET A FINANCIAL EVERY MONTH; AUDITORS COME IN HERE TO ONE MEETING AND DO NOT LOOK AT ANY OF THE RECORDS, AND GIVE THEM RAISES. A SUPERVISOR SAID THAT IS THEIR DUTY NOT THE SUPERVISORS. SECRETARY STATED SHE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY IT WAS TABLED FOR HER FOR 3 MONTHS AND THERE WAS NO MONEY TO GIVE HER A RAISE, BUT SUPERVISORS ASKED FOR A RAISE FOR THEMSELVES, AND LATER ON TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE GOT A RAISE. IF WE ALL DID NOT GET A RAISE AND LAID OFF BECAUSE THERE WAS NO MONEY—I WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM. AND THE WAY I WAS LAID OFF WAS NOT A GOOD WAY. CALLED ME INTO MTG ROOM ON A THURSDAY AT 2:30PM, AND TELL ME I WAS GOING TO BE LAID OFF FOR 1 WEEK TO GET WAITING WEEK IN. AND I EXPLAINED TO JIM, I DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE LAY OFF, I FELT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED WITH ME TO BE MORE CONVENIENT -- BECAUSE IT WAS AT THE END OF A QUARTER- I HAVE PAYROLL ITEMS THAT MUST BE MET. BEFORE WHEN WE ALL GOT LAID OFF WE WORKED IT OUT SO I COULD STILL GET MY WORK DONE. WHEN I CAME BACK I HAD TO DO THE NEXT PAYROLL, QUARTERLY REPORTS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT, AND WAS RUSHED FOR TIME. SECRETARY FEELS AFTER 30 YEARS HERE—SHE FEELS SHE DESERVES BETTER. ESPECIALLY AFTER VAUGHN TOLD JIM AND PAUL THAT DAN TOLD HIM HE WAS TAKING HIS WAITING THE WEEK HE HAD A VACATION SCHEDULED WITH HIS FAMILY. I LIKE DAN AND I DON'T WANT THIS TO SOUND LIKE I AM AGAINST DAN—I AM NOT. I AM NOT AGAINST HIM GETTING A RAISE BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE GOT A RAISE AND CHOOSE HIS LAYOFF TIME. PAUL SAID IT IS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT DAN DID NOT TAKE A LAY OFF. SECRETARY SAID HE TRIED AND FOR SOME REASON IT DID NOT TAKE, BUT HIS REMARK TO PAUL WAS THAT HE WAS NOT WORRIED ABOUT IT BECAUSE IF HE GETS LAID OFF, HE WILL LOOK FOR ANOTHER JOB, BECAUSE HE CAN NOT AFFORD TO BE LAID OFF. AGAIN SECRETARY SAID HE TOLD YOU AND THE SUPERVISORS SAID IT WAS OKAY. AGAIN SECRETARY FEELS SHE HAS BEEN A GOOD EMPLOYEE. SECRETARY STATED SHE VOICES HER OPINIONS BECAUSE SHE IS ALSO A CITIZEN AND PAYS TAXES. SECRETARY FEELS IF THEY ARE RAISING TAXES, SHE DESERVES A RAISE. WHEN SUPERVISORS CHANGED INSURANCE A FEW YEARS BACK AND TWP. PAID 100% OF PREMIUMS, COPAYS, and DEDUCTIBLES—THEY DID NOT TAKE A CUT IN PAY-THEY STILL GOT A RAISE THAT YEAR. WHEN I WAS GIVEN THAT RAISE, I WAS INFORMED THAT IF I EVER WENT BACK ON THE INSURANCE-WOULD REFLECT IN MY PAY. I DIDN'T EVEN SAY ANYTHING THEN, BUT WHEN I SIT AND THINK THAT THIS YEAR I COULDN'T EVEN GET A 50 CENT HR RAISE, WHEN THE SUPERVISORS RAISE GAVE THEM OVER \$2080 EACH. SECRETARY FELT BEFORE, THEY TRIED TO DO THINGS A LITTLE MORE FAIR. SINCE WORKING ON THE BUDGET, SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF THE TAX INCREASE WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL TO HER. PAUL SAID SO NOTED BY HIM. VAUGHN ASKED JIM IF HE HAD ANY QUESTIONS—JIM SAID NO. VAUGHN THANKED ME. LAURA HENDERSON STATED HER OPINION THAT IT DOES NOT LOOK GOOD TO RAISE TAXES—SHE FEELS USUALLY WHEN PEOPLE RAISE TAXES—IT'S AFTER THEY TRIED TO MAKE OTHER CUTS; AND SHE FEELS THERE HASN'T BEEN ANY. SHE FEELS IT CAME IN AFTER THE ELECTION. VAUGHN SAID THEY TALKED ABOUT IT BEFORE. LAURA SAID BUT IT WAS NOT MENTIONED AT THE LAST MEETING---WHEN IT MAY HAVE BEEN PUT IN THE NEWSPAPER. VAUGHN ASKED LAURA IF SHE FEELS THEY SHOULD NOT RAISE TAXES? HE CAN PULL OUT FUEL RECORDS, COST OF TIRES, ETC. DAN BRENDLINGER ASKED IF SUPERVISORS ARE GETTING A RAISE NEXT YEAR, VAUGHN SAID IT WOULD BE UP TO THE AUDITORS. LAURA ASKED WHAT OTHER CUTS HAVE BEEN MADE, SHE POINTED OUT THEY SAVED ON THEIR INSURANCE AND THEY HAVE THE ACT 13 WHICH THEY NEVER HAD BEFORE AND MADE IT. SECRETARY SAID AS FAR AS INFLATION THE TAX COLLECTOR HAS ONLY RECEIVED 4% FOR THE 30 YEARS SHE HAS BEEN HERE, THE TAX COLLECTOR WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST A RAISE, BUT IT WOULD NOT TAKE AFFECT TILL SHE/HE WAS REELECTED OR ELECTED AND AUDITORS HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE SAME. PAUL SAID AUDITORS IS PRESET. LAURA SAID THAT IF SHE ASKES FOR A RAISE THE SUPERVISORS WOULD ALSO HAVE TO APPROVE IT.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: 1. DANIEL BRENDLINGER 2. LAURA HENDERSON 3. ZACHARY HENDERSON

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY PAUL; 2^{ND} BY JIM; TO ADJOURN, UNAN-YES(3) MEETING ENDED AT 3:20 PM

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