

YORK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
190 Oak Road, Dallastown PA 17313
Wednesday, October 23, 2024
5:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Comm. Steele called the recessed meeting back to order at 5:00 pm with the following in attendance:

Comm. Steele	Gary Milbrand
Comm. Granholm	Lisa Frye
Comm. Jones	Barry Myers
Comm. Kessler	Carly Mercadante
Comm. Knepper	Larena Keller

Other Township Employees or Board Members:

Andy Mitchell, Public Works

Other Community Members:

Bob Junkins, York Township Goodwill Fire Company; Mike Noel, York Township Goodwill Fire Company; Rob Greene, York Township Goodwill Fire Company; Mike Dowling, York Township Goodwill Fire Company; and Matt McWilliams, Southern Area Fire and Emergency Rescue Company.

Comm. Steele announced that the Board would meet to discuss personnel matters at the end of the meeting.

Public Comments

Jerry Smith, 17 Merrin Road – Mr. Smith offered comments regarding the Zoning Hearing Boards' denial of the appeal of granting a permit to Dallastown School District to place a driveway on its property and connect that driveway to Merrin Road. He expressed concerns over the increased traffic on Merrin Road and its condition. He asked the Board to bring Merrin Road up to current construction standards.

Budget Presentation –Larena Keller and Gary Milbrand

Larena Keller thanked the directors for their input and the Board for meeting one on one and reviewing the budget prior to the workshop. The Workshop presentation is included in the official minute book.

A discussion was held.

The general fund millage will remain at 1.24 mills, and the fire tax will increase by .13 mills to .50 mills. The Board agreed to make contributions to the following:

Golden Connections \$30,000
Kaltreider-Benfer Library \$25,000
York County and Dallastown High School Science Fairs \$900
Fire Company Scholarships \$5,200

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Jessica and Friends \$175

York County Advanced Technical Rescue \$1,000

4% Fire and EMS increase in general contributions and a special program contribution of \$250,000. Retention and Recruitment remain the same.

Sewer rates are to remain the same for 2024.

Larena Keller advised that she would present the budget reading at our November 12, 2024 meeting.

Commissioners Comments

Comm. Cronin – Read a statement on how the volunteer fire departments play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our community, and they deserve our support. He noted the significant challenges of volunteer fire companies and that improving the business operations side will make volunteer fire departments more sustainable and effective. He encourages the recent efforts of the Goodwill Fire Company # 1 of York Township and the Southern Area Fire and Emergency Rescue to move towards a unification of resources, personnel, and operations to create a more efficient and effective service. He noted today’s proposed funding increases is an investment in the safety and resilience of our community.

Comm. Steele – Reported that on October 19, 2024, he attended the viewing of “Honorable but Broken, EMS in Crisis.” He noted that the message from the movie was that Townships and Boroughs should provide funding for EMS as they support vital services like fire and police.

Executive Session TIME 5:45 pm

The board was in executive session to discuss contract matters.

Meeting Reconvened TIME 6:10 pm

Adjourn

On motion of Comm. Jones, seconded by Comm. Kessler, the Board adjourned the meeting.

Vote 5 yes

Secretary

(Seal)