

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DECEMBER 30, 2010

{Continued from December 13, 2010}

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Tallon called the meeting to order at the Municipal Complex. 1000 Church Hill Road at 9:45 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL Abatta, Forquer, Shiwarski, Triko, Tallon present

MOTION Abatta. Second Shiwarski to approve the December, 2010 List of Bills for payment

ROLL CALL Abatta,Y Forquer,Y Shiwarski,Y Triko,Y Tallon,Y

M/C 5-0

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION Forquer, Second, Abatta to adopt the 2011 Budget pursuant to Section 1701.1 of the First Class Township Code.

Chairman Tallon , Questions or discussions? There were none.

ROLL CALL Abatta,Y Forquer,Y Shiwarski,Y Triko,N Tallon,N

M/C 3 Yes 2 No

MOTION Shiwarski, Second, Triko to disband the Robinson Township Police Communication Department effective July 6, 2011 and to lay-off all dispatchers effective as of July 6, 2011.

ROLL CALL Abatta,Y Forquer,Y Shiwarski,Y Triko,Y Tallon,N

M/C 4 Yes 1 No

MOTION Abatta, Second, Forquer to advertise an Ordinance setting the tax millage for the year 2011 at 3.05 mills.

ROLL CALL Abatta,Y Forquer,Y Shiwarski,Y Triko,Y Tallon,Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, Second, Forquer to adopt a Resolution of the Township of Robinson, Allegheny County, authorizing the issuance of a Tax Anticipation Note as recommended by the Township Manager.

ROLL CALL Abatta,Y Forquer,Y Shiwarski,Y Triko,Y Tallon,Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Abatta, Second, Forquer to recognize fees for Al Zangrelli, Esquire as Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor appointed by the Zoning hearing Board on December 22, 2010.

ROLL CALL Abatta.Y Forquer,Y Shiwarski,Y Triko,Y Tallon,Y

M/C 5-0

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Triko, I appreciate all the residents who are here today considering the comments that were made I think there are things that need to be looked into. I voted "no" against the budget because I think we can do more. There are questions as to why we are paying for certain things I commend the work Mr. Bibro and his entire staff has done. I think the Board worked differently this year and we realize you can't rob Peter to pay Paul. I don't agree with borrowing money for one year and paying it out over the next ten although I agree it is a safe loan I think we can meet our obligations without spending as much as we are. Disbanding the dispatchers is one of the most difficult decisions I had to make and I understand change is always difficult.

Commissioner Forquer, I think everything we could do has been done given the information that we had. When you have rising expenses and your taxes aren't keeping pace with that we really had to dig deeply to get where we are at. Phasing out our radio operators was a tough decision for all of us up here because of personal attachments I asked Chief Full who is with 911 if there was a possibility that our radio operators could be hired for positions at the 911 Center and he responded they would need to pass tests but their knowledge and experience would give them an advantage. There will be a six month transition period working with 911 personnel before we go hot with all the calls. I believe us moving to 911 is a move for the best long term of safety and security for everyone who works, lives and passes through our Township.

Commissioner Shiwarski, at a business seminar once I was told if you are in first place and you are at the top now and you stand still, sooner or later you will be passed up and eventually you will be in last place. Keeping our services the same or even cutting our services Robinson Township will no longer be a First Class Township. The budget is a process, it means it is on going, we have the 2011 budget and we are starting to work on the next budget today. We have to benchmark and evaluate and if changes are needed then that is what we need to do. We will look at ways to effectively spend the revenue.

Commissioner Abatta, Balancing the budget lies solely on the Board of Commissioners. There are painstakingly decisions that must be made and have been made to achieve a common goal. None of these decisions we make are without consequences, we are all affected. I was elected to make these decisions and I can assure you I will make the most conscious effort to uphold my responsibilities in the highest regard, not just today but serving out my entire tenure All the residents and taxpayers must be taken into consideration for the benefit of our community as a whole. These are tough times not just

