

THE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
NOVEMBER 9, 2022

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A Budget Work Session of the Smithfield Township Board of Supervisors was held on November 9, 2022, at the Smithfield Township Municipal Center, at 1155 Red Fox Rd, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, and via Zoom.

Present are Supervisors Jacob Pride and Robert Lovenheim, Budget & Finance Manager Lucas DeBartolo, Treasurer Frank Cefali, and Township Manager Julia Heilakka. Supervisor Brian Barrett is not present.

1. Chair Jacob Pride calls the meeting to order at 10:06AM. A quorum is present.
2. New Business
  - a. Budget Discussion. Lucas DeBartolo presents a draft budget. The Board discusses taxes. Frank Cefali states the budget is compact. Robert Lovenheim discusses ash trees and the Smithfield Sewer Authority (SSA) request for \$100,000. Lucas DeBartolo states the SSA has \$8 million in depreciated assets and does not have funds to replace them. Shifting funds out of the bond service to pay for items now will cause funding problems in the future. Robert Lovenheim states the township needs to invest in the future; the proposed millage is 1.325. The Board discusses the SSA. Frank Cefali confirms the bond's debt service is in the budget.

Lucas DeBartolo states the SSA request will not affect the millage rate. The Board considers providing a commitment letter to the SSA for grant applications. Julia Heilakka discusses cutting capital projects. The Board discusses community contributions.
  - b. Highway Fund. Liquid Fuels funds are slated to cover the 2023 mainline paving project. The Board discusses making changes to capital improvements.

Robert Lovenheim motions to advertise the budget with the changes discussed today, Jacob Pride seconds. Vote: all in favor; motion carries.
3. Public Comment – none.
4. Robert Lovenheim motions to adjourn, Jacob Pride seconds: meeting adjourned at 10:43AM.

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Minutes recorded by Julia Heilakka

Respectfully submitted:

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Julia Heilakka, Assistant Secretary