

**Donegal Township Board of Supervisors
2021 Budget Meeting
December 29, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

The Budget meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Donegal Township was called to order by Chairman Richard Fidler at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held as a virtual meeting utilizing a Zoom Video Conferencing Application with residents attending by computer, cell phone or landline, and in-person due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Board Members in attendance by Roll Call: Richard Fidler, Tammi Iams, Richard Martin, Kathleen Croft, Edward Shingle. Also in attendance: Devlin Fisher, associate of Lane Turturice—Solicitor, Judith Taylor—Secretary/Treasurer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Chairman Fidler announced the meeting was being recorded, and is also being recorded by the public.

Sherry Laird, 393 Delashawn Road, presented several recommendations on various revenue and expenses on 2021 budget line items.

The Board made several changes to the 2021 General Fund budget as follows:

Motion to move \$200,000 from the Act 13 Fund to the General Fund as an interfund transfer for police department expenses for budget year 2021

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to decrease legal services line item 404 to \$45,000

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to reduce police fuel line item 410.33 to \$6,500

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to have the township enter into negotiations with Buffalo Township to resume offering police services

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle

Prior to the vote, public comment was taken as follows:

Betty Shingle, 385 Lake Road, commented she agreed with offering Buffalo police contracted services.

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—no, Iams—no, Martin—no, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion failed.

Motion to reduce Road crew fuel line item 430.33 to \$13,000

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to eliminate the Cintas rugs to decrease line item 409.22 to \$2,300

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to reduce advertising line item 406.34 to \$5,000

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to reduce code enforcement line item 413.15 to \$2,500

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

The Board made several changes to the Water and Sewer 2021 budget as follows:

Motion to pursue a reduction in interest rates on the loan from Community Bank

Motion by Richard Fidler, Second by Richard Martin

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to reduce Integrated Environmental Services line item 429.39 to \$52,000

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to have the road crew perform as much as possible of water line leaks excavation work and to reduce line item 448.10 to \$5,000 and line item 429.10 to \$6,500

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—no, Croft—no, Shingle—no. Motion failed.

Motion to have the road crew perform as much as possible of water line leaks excavation work with expense refunded out of Water and Sewer Fund

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to have the engineer develop an industrial rate as quickly as possible

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Edward Shingle

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to increase metered sales to industrial customers line item 378.13 to \$30,000

Motion by Kathleen Croft, Second by Tammi Iams

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

The Board and the solicitor discussed whether ten or twenty days was the length of time the 2nd Class Township Code required an amended budget to be available for public review prior to adoption. The solicitor will research the issue and inform the secretary of the correct date for the newspaper advertisement.

Motion to advertise the amended 2021 budget as required according to the Township Code, upon advice of the solicitor

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise a public meeting to adopt the amended 2021 budget at 9:00 a.m. on the last day of the required advertising period

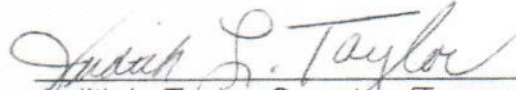
Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—no. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the budget meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Motion by Tammi Iams, Second by Richard Fidler

Roll Call Vote: Fidler—yes, Iams—yes, Martin—yes, Croft—yes, Shingle—yes. Motion carried.



Judith L. Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer