

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET MEETING

October 7, 2024

5:00 PM

Present: Commissioner B. Rodemaker, Commissioner T. Buchleitner, Commissioner. J. Golden, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner D. Williams, Twp. Maintenance Gary Cunningham, Twp. Accountant L. Bliley, Twp. Secretary C. Cunningham

Residents Present: Chris Buchleitner

Commissioner Rodemaker called the 2024 Budget Work Session Meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and waived the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

L. Bliley handed out budget work sheets for all departments.

Gary Cunningham spoke to the Board concerning the Maintenance Department needs. He stated that in the Spring they would like to clean all the storm drains. There are 600 within the Township and this will involve a lot of manpower and time. Cunningham asked if there could be a part time person to help with the weed trimming and parks clean up. Regarding the salting of the streets the department would like to install spinners on the back of the trucks because it would be more convenient to take the spinners in and out of trucks rather than taking out the salt dogs, which takes a total of 3 hours to remove and install. Cunningham said that he can do all the labor to install them himself.

Commissioner Williams spoke to the Board regarding the Streets budget. Williams got a quote on the salt spinners with that being approximately \$7,500. He is going to look into using Liquid Fuels to purchase the salt spinners. Buchleitner asked if this would fall under Capital Expense. Commissioner Golden asked if it is needed in 2024 or if it can be budgeted for 2025. Commissioner Williams also stated that the Maintenance Department is looking at renting a road grader for the alleyways for approximately \$900 as opposed to buying one, as it will only be used once per year. Cunningham said they no longer will be using a hydrant permit for the street sweeper as they will be using clean water at the Bell Street garage. This will save over \$1,500 per year. Williams and Cunningham went over all the miscellaneous items that need to be purchased to maintain and repair streets. Cunningham said they are looking for a building to store the street sweeper in. The building space will need to be heated. Williams also spoke about the amount of road salt that will be anticipated to use in the 2024-2025 season. Secretary Cunningham estimated the amount based on the size of the salt shed, that being 400 tons. Street lighting is a very large expense, and a price increase is anticipated. Also discussed was the price of the school zone lights. If something were to happen the price of the replacements are approximately \$25,000 so we need to be prepared for such an event.

Commission T. Benovic motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Commissioner J. Golden and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Jo Cunningham
Township Secretary