

LAWRENCE PARK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BUDGET MEETING

November 4, 2024

5:00 PM

Present: Commissioner T. Buchleitner, Commissioner T. Benovic, Commissioner D. Williams, Commissioner J. Golden, Twp. Secretary C. Cunningham, Twp. Accountant Linda Bliley, Police Chief John Morell, **Absent:** Commissioner B. Rodemaker,

Residents Present: N/A

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

Updated budget work sheets for all departments were handed out for review.

Commissioner Williams stated that the leaf machine was taken out this morning and the impellers began breaking, it was taken back to the garage and the maintenance department welded it back together but once it was back out and running it began breaking apart again. We may need to purchase one in the future. Williams thinks that there are grants available to apply for to at least get some of it covered. A new one will run around \$130,000. The Board may have to look into outsourcing it if it does not make it through the season. Residents may have to bag their leaves if we cannot finish out the season.

Chief Morell said that the dash cameras in the cars are outdated, and they are in need of an upgrade. The cost of these run around \$30,000.00 for three of the vehicles.

Commissioner Golden brought up for discussion that the Township has need of a cleaning person for the Township Building. The number of hours will be determined depending on the spaces that need to be cleaned.

Sewer Rates will need to be increased due to water/sewer increases as well as Soudan's Lift Station project will begin in 2025 and Cunningham's Lift Station is having a grinder installed.

With all items considered the Commissioners agreed to raising the millage to .50 mills.

The Board will vote to advertise the preliminary budget at the meeting November 11, 2024.

Commissioner J. Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m., seconded by Commissioner D. Williams, and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Jo Cunningham  
Township Secretary