

**CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CONTINUED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - 5:00PM**

This meeting was held at the Chadds Ford Township building, 10 Ring Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, and streamed live via Zoom.

Chair Reiner re-opened the Board of Supervisors Regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Samantha Reiner, Chair; Frank Murphy, Vice Chair (via Zoom); Noelle Barbone, Supervisor; Mike Maddren, Esq., Township Solicitor; Lacey Faber, Township Manager; Emily Pisano, Assistant Township Manager; and Laura Lim, Township Treasurer. Seventeen (17) members of the public attended in person, and four (4) members of the public via Zoom.

1. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Township Fire Tax Consideration: L. Faber provided a summary of the Township's meeting with Concordville Fire Co. including discussions regarding annual financial reporting documents to be provided, quarterly reporting at Board of Supervisors meetings, and participation in community events. Fire Chief Bob Vasek and Treasurer David Montville attended on behalf of Concordville Fire Co. Chief Vasek and Mr. Montville addressed questions on false alarms, the fire company's annual fundraising drives, and with regard to their financials, investments, and how the funds are used to operate the Fire Co. The Fire Company also explained the ambulance services membership and what the residents receive as a part of the membership, which is the reduction in cost or the waiving of the cost of an ambulance ride after deductibles or if the ride is not covered by insurance. Further details will need to be acquired by the Concordville Fire Company to ensure these details are completely accurate.

Public Comment:

- Debbie Dean (Hunters Lane) inquired about requests for future increases in funding.
- Jody Allen (Kelly Drive) inquired about the need for donations after the implementation of the fire tax.
- Timotha Trigg (Ring Road) asked the residents to keep in mind that millage in Delaware County and Chester County are different.
- Ben Simons (Longview Road) inquired about the fire company's workers' compensation and if a yearly increase in workers' compensation is reflected in the fire company's budget.

B. Vasek and D. Montville explained that their need for funding will always be relevant as the need for fire and ambulance services are required in the communities they serve. With volunteer rates steadily declining, the Fire Company is forced to hire paid firefighters. They continued that they will still depend on donations from the public, which is a large part of their income. Lastly, they explained that their insurances are continually evaluated, and they have had minimal workers' compensation claims.

- b. 2024 Township Budget Adoption: Chair Reiner read the executive summary shared with the public as part of the proposed 2024 township budget (attached).

Public Comment:

- Mark Stookey (Upper Bank Drive) inquired about the change between the proposed 2024 Township budget between December 6, 2023, and December 13, 2023.
- Debbie Dean (Hunters Lane) inquired about the cost of snow removal expenses in 2022 and Painter's Folly renters income year to date for 2023.

The Board of Supervisors tabled the proposed 2024 Township budget adoption agenda item to the December 19, 2023, Board of Supervisors Workshop meeting.

- c. Resolution No. 2023-34 Township Tax Levy: This agenda item was tabled to the December 19, 2023, Board of Supervisors Workshop meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business or public comment, upon motion of Chair Reiner, seconded by Supervisor Barbone and unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lacey Faber". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lacey" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Faber".

Lacey Faber, Township Secretary/Manager