

WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP
Budget Workshop
July 12, 2012

Trustee Harris opened the workshop at 9:00 am. Trustees present: Gary Harris, Ronald Oiler and James Likley. Fiscal Officer, Martha Evans was also present.

The proposed budget for 2013 was the topic of discussion.

GENERAL FUND: As noted, the local government was reduced by 25% as well as estate tax is almost becoming non-existent. As noted in the past, there is about a \$50,000 less carryover each year. The revenues are still exceeding expenditures despite escalating costs.

MOTOR VEHICLE; GASOLINE TAX; ROAD & BRIDGE FUNDS that are used for road maintenance are remaining stable.

CEMETERY AND ZONING FUNDS are remaining stable with a transfer from general fund each year due to the revenues that are received are not sufficient to support itself.

FIRE LEVY FUND has noticed a decrease in EMS revenue from 2011. This is due partly because there was prior year collections in 2011. This year the amount of revenue is steady but not as much as the year before. As the budget is prepared for the coming year, we notice we may not have as large a carryover, making it more difficult to attain the desired budget to operate the department AND there is nothing left to save for capital equipment making it necessary for the township to ask for a 2.5 mill fire levy to operate the WESTFIELD FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT. IF THE 2.5 MILL FIRE LEVY IS PASSED BY THE VOTERS OF THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WESTFIELD TOWNSHIP, THE CURRENT 1.5 MILL FIRE LEVY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. In the workshop, it was discussed as to the possibility of reducing the present fire department budget. The trustees and fiscal officer will be looking at how much will need to be trimmed.

PERMISSIVE MOTOR VEHICLE TAX is used for the maintenance of the roads. A portion is the township's share of the tax the county collects and the 2013 year; the township will be collecting a \$5.00 tax on the license plates and will receive all of that revenue. The projected additional revenue will be \$18,000.

COUNTY ENGINEER LOCAL SUPPORT FUND is for new culverts for the roads. There is not additional revenue.

FIRE AND AMBULANCE FUND: This is grant funding for training and EMS supplies for the fire department, which has been reduced by \$500 for the 2013 year.

COST RECOVERY FUND: This is revenue that is collected from auto insurance for accidents. They are billed for rescue and fire equipment and personnel at the scene of an accident. The revenue varies and is kept in reserve for capital purchases.

The proposed budget will be a topic of discussion at the next regular meeting, July 16, 2012 at 7:00 pm

The meeting was closed at 11:25 am by a motion from Trustee Likley and seconded by Trustee Oiler. Unanimous
Approved August 6, 2012