

The Chester Township Board of Trustees met in special session **Friday, June 9, 2023** in the Town Hall Meeting Room at 6:30 A.M. Chairman Craig Richter presided and appointed Trustee Ken Radtke as clerk pro tem.

Roll Call: Present: Trustee Richter, Trustee Mazzurco, Trustee Radtke
Absent: Fiscal Officer Jarrett

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The Board led the audience in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Leading Motion #: 2023-215

Budget Meeting for the 2024 Temporary Budget

The Elected Officials, Police Chief and Road Superintendent went over their department's 2024 temporary appropriations. The Fire Department will be discussed.

Police: Trustee Richter is proposing doing a new levy this year instead of next year if the Board is agreeable. Upon review, adjustments were made where needed. Mr. Richter discussed current and expected interest rates. Discussion continued with the anticipated department growth. It was agreed that the levies need to be continuing. Conversation stressing the importance of a Reserve Fund took place.

Fire Department: Two levies are coming up. The Reserve Fund and the importance of building one was stated. The dollar amount collected in interest throughout the year was shared. The cost of everything is going up. Services cannot be performed now at the same cost as years ago. Filing deadline is August 9, 2023 for paperwork on the levies. The first step is to obtain a Certificate of Need.

Road Department: A general conversation regarding the 2024 Temporary Budget with Road Superintendent, John Onyshko began. Discussed further was House Bill 62 - Permissive Motor Vehicle Tax. Inside Millage was reviewed. Another tax to consider is in reference to the private school located in the Township that does not pay any taxes, although utilizes our services.

Confirmation that a quote submitted months ago for pickleball work from Podogil Excavating will not be considered or used regarding the advertised bid for the pickleball project.

General Fund: Recommendations and adjustments will be made as needed. Reserve Funds once again were discussed. It was suggested we change the mindset of how we budget.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Richter adjourned the meeting at 8:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Absent _____
Patricia Jarrett, Fiscal Officer

June 15, 2023 motion # 2023-216 _____
Approval Date

Craig Richter, Chairman

Joseph C. Mazzurco, Vice-Chairman

Ken Radtke, Jr., Trustee