

Welcome, Agenda, and Ground Rules - Ellen Yordy

Development Overview - Bob Bass - How did Ross Township get here

- Started in July, 2010 PT
 - moved to FT 1/1/2011
 - Established Budget Review process 2011
 - Carry over end balance (General fund) approximately \$2.4M (current yeb == \$1M)
- 2012-2013 Kasich took 59.5% of the General Fund
 - confiscated large %age of LGF-100% of tangible property tax & eliminated the estate tax
 - newsletter from that time period discussed the burden would be placed on the property tax
- Spooky Nook-2019 trip to PA
 - January 22, 2019 received Prospective from Joshua Smith City Mgr. Hamilton
 - impact study led to March 18-20,2019 trip Ham Chamber of Commerce
 - 36,000 visitors for 88 team natl volleyball tourney
 - Lancaster Chamber of Commerce
 - business revitalization and new starts
 - data from the trip backed the perspectus forecasts
 - Review of traffic flows show a heavy impact on SR128
 - need for future ODOT projects to handle traffic volume
 - likely business development also adds to the need for ODOT involvement
 - Board determined the need for Contracts with Bradley Payne Advisors & Frost Brown Todd
 - Review of tax strategies to entice ODOT to fix SR 128
 - discussing TIFF, JEDD and NCA later in the presentation
- Burns Farm- February 22, 2019
 - discussions with the developer re: need for cooperation with the Land Use Plan 2008
 - discuss current zoning and future possible zoning issue
 - submitted plan has less density than allowable in LUP
 - contract between owner and developer-due dilligence period
 - 2006 township survey (housing for elderly and young citizens)

Current Financial Status - Julie Joyce Smith, Fiscal Officer

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| Township fiscal funding means | |
| General Funds | Property taxes and LGF |
| Road | Property taxes and Permissive Gas Tax / Excess Road Tax |
| Police | Property taxes |
| Fire | Property Taxes / Grants |

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| 2022 Budget | |
| 2,424,000.00 | 0.63 Taxes |
| 1,399,206.14 | 0.37 Other sources |
| 3,823,206.14 | 1.00 |

Fiscal Policies
 Reviewed annually - not sure why this is pertinent??

Budget Process Overview
 Reviewed annually - not sure why this is pertinent??

Current status of each department
 see tab #3 - "Dept Totals"

Overall Township Fiscal Health
 see tab #3 - "Dept Totals"

Future levy needs

The Fire & Police departments both had increased levy mills in the last ten years with the intent of growing those departments from volunteer (fire) and part time departments into full time departments. Both departments have suffered from a lack of available part time employees (as evidenced nationwide) causing both departments to want to expand it's roster of full time staff.

Fire has added 4 additional full time employees as of March 2022 which will greatly reduce the hours needed by part time staff. The Police department, in it's quest to put at least 2 full time officers on duty is struggling to surpass the pre-pandemic staffing levels due to an insufficient revenue stream. The current millage of 3.75 is not going to sustain a full time department long term. Additional millage for both the Fire and Police Departments will likely be necessary without additional funding sources.

The primary function of any Township is to maintain the roads. The Ross Road department has done a stellar job up to this point in doing just that on a shoe string budget. The Road Department does not have a voted levy on which it relies, and rarely are there grant opportunities. It maintains on the inside millage allotted by the DTE and Permissive Gas and Road Excise Taxes. These revenue streams are just not keeping pace with the skyrocketing costs of road materials. A stand alone road levy will likely be necessary withing the next ten years without additional funding sources.

RLSD - Chad Konkle

Burns Farm Plan - Ron Coffman

Future Forecast - Andy Brossart, Julie, Bob and Chad

Q & A - General Public