

**HAINES TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

On October 5, 2021 at approximately 6:00 p.m., Chairman Daryl Schafer called the budget meeting of the Haines Township Board of Supervisors to order. The meeting was held in the Haines Township Building located at 153 S. Rachel's Way in Aaronsburg, PA.

In attendance: Daryl Schafer (Chairman), Delmer Homan (Vice-Chairman), Fred Lingle (Supervisor) and Susan Wenrick (Secretary-Treasurer)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None given.

**SUMMARY OF 10/05/21 MEETING:**

The Secretary-Treasurer prepared the 2022 budget and submitted the budget worksheets and supporting financial reports to the Board of Supervisors for review.

During the meeting the Secretary-Treasurer presented the proposed budget as outlined in the agenda & discussions included:

- The State Fund projects for 2022 include: milling of bituminous paving notch, a scratch & leveling course, a wearing course and 2RC shoulders for Broad Road, milling of bituminous paving notch and a wearing course for ½ of Fiedler Road, and milling of bituminous paving notch and a binder course for part of Cemetery Road.
- General Fund projects for 2022 include: Phase II of a DGLVR project for Ingleby Road. The County approved a DGLVR grant in the amount of \$84,000 for the Township. Capital Reserve Funds and Highway Funds will also be used to offset the Township's share of this project.
- The Township received ARPA (Federal) Funding, which the Board will need to utilize after the Treasury has established its final rules and guidance. The funding will have restrictions. The total amount received over a two- year period will equal \$164,958.68.
- Any future construction of a salt/cinder shed can be funded from the Building Account and money will be available in the General Fund when a large certificate of deposit matures at the end of March 2022.
- Money from the General Fund CD may also be used in connection with a building renovation or purchase of a modular unit, at the Board's discretion.
- The Secretary-Treasurer will establish two sinking fund accounts in case either Authority (Aaronsburg or Woodward) would default on their financial obligations to MBTC or PennVest.
- No 2022 budget requests for contributions were received by the cutoff date of 10/01/2021. No contributions were added to the budget.
- The Board was asked to determine the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) percentage for 2022. Predictions for the 2022 rate were acquired by a number of sources: Moody's Analytics, AARP, the Senior Citizens League, the SSA's chief actuary Stephen Goss, etc. The 2022 COLA is expected to be the highest in several decades. The Board unanimously agreed to add 4% to all affected wage lines, taxes, pension, etc.
- The Board unanimously determined that no real estate tax increases were necessary for 2022.

The Secretary-Treasurer will make the revisions discussed and prepare new budget worksheets for the next budget meeting scheduled for October 6, 2021.

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the 2022 budget meeting of 10/05/21 at approximately 7:00 P.M.