

**HAINES TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUDGET MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2023**

On October 10, 2023 at approximately 2:10 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), Randy Ream (Supervisor) and Kimberly Claar (Secretary-Treasurer), Mark Hosterman (Roadmaster)

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None given.

SUMMARY OF 10/10/23 MEETING:

The Secretary-Treasurer prepared the 2024 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 2024 include: Sealing part of Cemetery Road.
- The Township received ARPA (Federal) Funding, which the Board will utilize for either building renovations or a Salt/Cinder Shed in 2024. The total amount received in 2021 and 2022 equals \$165,480.24 plus interest.
- Any future building renovations or construction of a salt/cinder shed can also be funded from the Building Account and money will be available in the General Fund when a large certificate of deposit matures on December 29, 2023.
- The Road Equipment Fund 2024 Expenses: Dump Truck purchase from College Township.
- There were (3) 2023 budget requests for contributions were received by the cutoff date of 10/02/2023. Penns Valley Youth Center \$5,400.00, Centre County Library and Centre County Association of Township Officials Scholarship Fund. The request from PVYC and CCATO were added to the budget but the Centre County Library request was denied as they do not service Haines Township. The Supervisors unanimously agreed to give \$500.00 to East Penns Valley Library and CCATO Scholarship Fund \$500.00.
- The Board unanimously agreed to add 4% to all affected wage lines, taxes, pension, etc.
- The Board unanimously determined that a real estate tax increase is necessary for 2024. The board will enact an Ambulance, Rescue, and Other Emergency Services Tax at a rate of one half mil (.5 mil) at the November meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer will make the revisions discussed and prepare new budget worksheets for the next budget meeting scheduled for October 12, 2023.

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the 2024 budget meeting of 10/10/22 at approximately 3:55 P.M.