

Townhall
March 29, 2023

A Mannington Township Committee budget work session was called to order by Mayor Asay at 3:36 PM. The following were in attendance: Asay, Dunham, Patrick, Mitchell, Elwell, and Township Auditor, Fred Caltabiano of Bowman & Co. LLP.

Clerk certified that this meeting had been advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Law.

The meeting was turned over to the Township Auditor, Fred Caltabiano. Caltabiano distributed a memo regarding the township's net valuation taxable, fund balances, reserve balances, breakdown of taxes based on an average home assessed at \$172,000, and projected surplus. The 2022 net valuation taxable is \$174,655,082, a decrease of \$98,526 from 2022. At the present time, \$17,465.50 equals a penny (.01¢), a decrease of \$9.86 from 2022.

The Auditor, Township CFO, and the Committee reviewed and discussed the tentative 2023 Budget document. The township's portion of the tax rate with no increase in the local tax, keeping it at .279.

There was discussion regarding the spending of the COVID stimulus funds grant.

Mayor Asay asked the Committee to think about a road program for 2023. Oil & Chip, according to the Township Engineer, currently costs about \$55,000 per mile. There are funds that can be used in Capital Improvement line or the American Rescue grant.

Mayor Asay wanted the Public Works employees to be notified to keep an account of hours worked on "Stormwater" and note as such on their time sheets.

Introduction of the 2023 Municipal Budget was scheduled for April 3, 2023 at 5:30 pm.

Public Comment period was opened and closed by regular motion, with no comments.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned by regular motion at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Esther A. Mitchell, Clerk