

**Forsyth Township Board
Special Meeting
Emergency Service Building
February 22, 2011**

Supervisor Minelli called the Special Meeting of the Forsyth Township Board to order at 6:00 P.M. The Special Meeting was held to discuss the 2011/2012 fiscal year budgets for all funds.

Board Members Present: Minelli, Filizetti-Hartzell, Nordeen, Armatti & Roberts. All present. Various department heads along with bookkeeper Lynn Rodger were also present.

The board was recently informed that Statutory Revenue Sharing in the amount of \$75,441 was one of the proposed cuts to Forsyth Township. Forty municipalities are still receiving Statutory Revenue Sharing monies and all forty were reduced to zero (0). However, the proposed cuts have not been approved by the legislative bodies as yet. Currently the estimated General Operating budget expenses exceed the estimated revenues by \$51,420 with that amount being deducted from the Fund Balance. The estimated expenses will exceed the estimated revenues by \$126,860 with the proposed Statutory Revenue Sharing cuts thereby leaving an estimated General Operating Fund Balance in the amount of \$1,172,023.00.

The board discussed the upcoming Census count which would result in an increase in Constitutional Revenue Sharing. Henry DeGroot, Assessor, was asked what the increase in tax monies would be & he stated the estimated tax revenue will be decreased this year. The current ambulance liability needs to be looked at. It was suggested the Board look at the legality of transferring the Senior Citizen department to the Clubhouse/Recreation Fund since the Senior Center building costs & some of the programs are already charged to the that fund. The estimated revenues received for the Senior Citizen Fund is \$95,000 with the estimated expenditures at \$129,000. If the transfer were allowed and financially feasible it would reduce the General Fund expenses by \$34,000. When asked Library Chairperson Donna Adams stated the Library is run on a tight budget and can't afford to take a reduction. Initiating a Special Assessment on street lights was brought up. Cutting the Contingency Fund was brought up.

Supervisor Minelli asked Department Heads to look at closely at their budgets for possible reductions in expenditures. **Supervisor Minelli then recommended board members take the proposed General Operating budget home, sharpen their pencils and start cutting.**

It was the consensus of board members to meet on March 1st at 6:30 P.M. at the Emergency Service Building for a second budget workshop.

Supervisor Minelli adjourned the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Filizetti-Hartzell
Forsyth Township Clerk