

**Planning Advisory Board
Meeting Summary
November 16, 2022**

Attendance:

Diane Sengstacke
Aaron Penman
Geoffrey Close

P&Z Staff:

Jenny Jarkowski
Jennifer Freeman

Also in Attendance:

Kim Spence, Budget
Rob Sandlass, Treasury
Joe Siemek, DPW
Steve Walsh, DPW
Jeff Schoenberger, DPW
Christine Buckley, DPW
Lyndsey Snyder, DPW
Robert Anderson, DPW
William Bettin, DPW

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) **Minutes/Summary**

The PAB members approved the summary of the October 2022 PAB meeting.

3) Fiscal Year 24 Budget – Information Technology

Nick Kuba was unavailable to presented for Information Technology. The PAB members looked through and discussed the presentation. Their main projects seem to be HMAN and Broadband. Its seems to be basic from the year previous. Mr. Penman asked if last years letter included IT recommendations. It was related to Rural Broadband. Ms. Sengstacke said it was for north county. Ms. Spence said yes. She said there weren't drastic changes from last year. Mr. Penman asked about recruitment being an issue last year. Ms. Jarkowski said yes. That is a countywide issue.

4) Fiscal Year 24 Budget – Environmental Services

Jeff Schoenberger presented the plan for Environmental Services. There are 3 projects they are asking money for: Solid Waste Facilities Repair Program, Environmental Studies and HWDC Landfill Capping.

Mr. Penman said the solid waste facilities repair program is very broad. Is there any area that needs it more than others? Mr. Schoenberger said improving our homeowner dropoff area. And this year paving and repair of the scale house. Ms. Sengstacke asked about bonds and paygo. Mr. Sandlass said they look at that and make sure it is correct.

5) Fiscal Year 24 Budget – Water Resources

Christine Buckley represented Water Resources. Lindsey Snyder was also present. Ms. Buckley presented Water Resources' Capital Projects. There are asking for money for several projects: Bynum Run Watershed Restoration, County Owned Stormwater Management Rehabilitation, County Owned Watershed Restoration, Joppatowne Area Watershed Restoration, Plumtree Run Watershed Restoration, Riverside Watershed Restoration, Sams Branch Watershed Restoration, Septic System Disconnection, Stormwater Pollution Prevention, Sunnyview Stream Restoration, Watershed Restoration Assessments, Watershed Restoration Improvements, and Watershed Restoration Maintenance. Robert Anderson presented watershed management. They have 3 budget items. They include: Maintenance/Repair of County Maintained Dams, Maintenance/Repair of Stormwater Facilities, and County Owned Stormwater Management Rehabilitation and Repair.

Mr. Close asked about the recordation tax only going toward certain things. Mr. Sandlass said the watershed management would be general fund. That has been changed recently. Ms. Sengstacke said recordation tax changes every year. Mr. Sandlass said it has been about the same. But other things come out of it. But it is good for now but it will need to be looked at. Mr. Penman asked about salt domes. He asked about the runoff and local wells. Mr. Siemek said there are stormwater management facilities around theirs. So salt runoff won't go offsite. Mr. Walsh said there have been questions about salt runoff in general in other areas. But not here.

6) Fiscal Year 24 Budget – Highways

Steve Walsh represented Highways. Mr. Walsh presented their Capital Projects. He went over their capital projects this year in the budget. The Pay-go requests in the budget is \$12.7 million. The total highway capital budget is \$22,360,000. He presented both the road and bridge projects.

Mr. Penman said is maintenance evaluated over the course of 50 years. Mr. Walsh said the older infrastructure is looked at. They try to manage problems as the come up. Mr. Close asked if there are enough inspectors. Mr. Siemek said they have enough. And the assessment of every roadway is done every year. Ms. Sengstacke asked about fleet

replacement being a big budget item. Ms. Spence said these are big trucks with plows and large equipment. And they are hard to get.

7) Fiscal Year 24 Budget – Water and Sewer

Bill Bettin presented Water and Sewer. They are asking for about \$18.025 million. This includes \$13.15 million for water projects, \$4.75 million for sewer projects and \$125,000 for miscellaneous projects. Some Water projects include the following: Abingdon Water Treatment Plant Generator & Switchgear Upgrade, MDTA I-95 Improvements, Replacement of Water Booster Station SCADA, and the Water and Sewer Billing Project.

Mr. Bettin presented Sewer projects. The main projects include the following: Biosolids Facilities Enhancements, Sod Run Facility Improvements, and Sod Run WWP Ultraviolet Disinfection Project.

Brentwood Park Pumping Station Improvements, Pumping Station Improvements,

Mr. Penman asked about the impacts of a shutdown because of the MDTA I-95 Improvements. Mr. Bettin said part of the design is to do it in a way so that they don't have to shut it down.

8) Other Business

The next meeting is November 29th at 12 pm for the Budget review.

This meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.