

The Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees met in special session at the Bainbridge Town Hall on April 19, 2008. Those present were trustees Mr. Matthew J. D. Lynch, Mr. Jeffrey S. Markley and Ms. Linda W. White and Fiscal Officer Sandra M. Cloninger. Mr. Lynch presided and called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.

Mr. Lynch began the meeting with a statement of the board's intent to fulfill its fiduciary responsibility by doing things in an intentional way and not to just go along without an overarching understanding of where the township is headed financially. To that end, he indicated his intent to present summary and detail information regarding general fund recurring income and expense as well as a proposal for future management of township properties. He asked for comment from trustees White and Markley, who responded as follows:

Ms. White: "It's been a long time coming."

Mr. Markley: "Ditto."

The thrust of Mr. Lynch's overview of township outlay for recurring expenditures is that, while the township is on a very sound financial footing, it does indeed appear that recurring expenditures are greater than recurring revenues and that if that situation continues unchecked ultimately there will be a problem.

The trustees discussed possible additional sources of revenue including grants, but noted a need to focus on recurring sources and to avoid increasing future drains on recurring income.

Detail from the General Fund was reviewed in an attempt to identify from the accounts which expenditures were of a recurring type as opposed to a non-recurring type. This process was tabled pending further research and will be taken up at a regular Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees meeting in May.

Mr. Lynch remarked that the township does not currently manage its physical assets as well as he would like to see, whether it be parks, town hall, or other buildings. The overlap of responsibilities creates difficulties as does the need to manage the time of year round staff employed in areas that are active only part of the year. He presented a proposal for restructuring the management of township properties.

Mr. Markley presented his thoughts on possible alternatives and additional considerations. The matter was tabled to the May 5, 2008 Board of Trustees meeting.

Mr. Lynch made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Markley seconded the motion that passed unanimously.

Since there was no further business to come before this meeting of the Bainbridge Township Board of Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P.M.