

Budget Workshop Meeting
November 9, 2021

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Present were Supervisors Jason Frey, Barbara Beltz, and Robin Cressley; and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Cressley. A list of others in attendance is attached to the Minute Book. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting to prepare the year 2022 Township budgets, and other business brought to the board. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Jason Frey and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Old Business –

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve the waiver request from Scott Bieber on behalf of the property owner of 777 Interchange Road to grant a well distance exemption and to waive a groundwater study needed to obtain a sewage permit to replace a malfunctioning cesspool that currently serves this property. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. (Letter from neighboring property was received stating he has no objection to the waiver request, copy on file)

New Business-

Barbara Beltz made a motion to accept Attorney Jenny Cheng's resignation letter as Franklin Township's Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. They thanked Attorney Cheng for her years of service to the Township.

Robin Cressley made a motion to advertise for proposals for a new Franklin Township Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Supervisors reviewed and discussed the General Fund, State Fund, and Sewer Fund budget worksheets, as well as budgets for all minor funds including Recreation Fund; Fire Hydrant Fund; Capital Reserve Building Fund; Capital Reserve Employee Benefits Fund; and the following Capital Project Funds: Garbage Collection Equipment Fund, and Road Machinery Fund.

The majority of time was spent reviewing the General Fund budget worksheets. The Secretary reported that as of tonight the General Fund's 2021 budget is expected to end on a positive note, with an estimated balance of \$437,211.08 carried over to 2022. This is mostly due to 2021's beginning balance was \$311,276.97 more than anticipated and receiving the ARPA Funding of \$218,653.98. It was noted that the garbage collection department will be financially self-sufficient for the year 2022 without having to increase garbage collection rates.

It was noted that the budget figures will most likely change after they meet with the Chief of Police on November 10, 2021 to review the 2022 Police Budget.

There were no public comments.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda Cressley, Secretary