

Budget Workshop Meeting
November 21, 2022

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Present were Supervisors Fred Kemmerer Jr., Robin Cressley, Jason Frey; and Secretary 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 finalize the 2023 Township budgets, and other business brought to the board. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Kemmerer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Robin Cressley made a motion to approve a pay increase (\$1.00) for Employee #97 effective immediately. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Kemmerer began the meeting by stating the Board of Supervisors held two previous budget workshop meetings and were not able to reach a balanced budget. The Board reviewed the General Fund's Budget line by line and made some additions to the revenues and some cuts in the expenditures.

The main expenditure cut was in the Road Crew's budget, they cut out the Seal Coat (tar & chip) project of \$90,000.00 for the year of 2023, wage was added to hire a part-time Code Enforcement Officer, Cuts were made from attorney fees, engineering fees, office supplies, along with supplies for police, road crew, and garbage crew. The supervisors made as many cuts as were deemed necessary to balance the budget. After reviewing the changes made it was decided that the mills would need to be increased by 1.5 mills and the garbage collection needed to be increased by \$20.00 per household/business. Senior Citizens would remain the same.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion giving tentative approval to the following 2023 budgets: General Fund, State (Liquid Fuels) Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Recreation Fund, Fire Hydrant Fund, Road Equipment Fund, Capital Project Garbage Collection Equipment Fund, Capital Reserve Police Vehicle & Equipment Fund, Capital Reserve Building Fund, and Capital Reserve Employee Benefits Fund. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Jason Frey opposed. Motion Carried. The General Fund budgets calls for a one and one-half mill increase in taxes.

Fred Kemmerer Jr. made a motion to increase the garbage collection rates by twenty dollars per year. The current yearly rate is \$235.00 per year the increase would make it \$255.00 per year. The Senior Citizen Rates will remain the same \$170.00 per year, (discount \$160.00 per year). Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Participation – None

Questions from the Press – Wanted confirmation the tax increase was a 2-1 vote and the garbage increase was a 3-0 vote.

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Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the budget workshop meeting at 9:35 p.m. Jason Frey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary