

Budget Workshop Meeting
November 21, 2017

The Franklin Township Supervisors met on the above date at the Franklin Township Administration Office. Present were Supervisors Rod Green, Robin Cressley, Barbara Beltz, and Secretary-Treasurer Brenda Neeb. The purpose of the meeting was to hold a Budget Workshop Meeting to prepare the year 2018 Township budgets. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Rod Green.

The Supervisors reviewed and discussed the General Fund, State Fund, and Sewer Fund budget worksheets, and briefly discussed 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, Road Equipment Fund, and Police Vehicle & Equipment Fund.


The majority of time was spent reviewing the General Fund budget worksheets. The Secretary reported that, in the General Fund, the 2017 and the 2018 budgets are expected to end on a positive note, with an estimated balance of \$322,687.48 carried over to 2018. This is mostly due to the 2017 beginning balance being \$399,639.55 which was \$251,028.81 more than anticipated. The expenses for 2017 were down for the following reasons diesel, gasoline, and heating price per gallon were significantly lower than predicted and budgeted items for zoning ordinance to be updated, legal services, less cinders, snow removal wages, and a new copier were not expended. The estimated total revenue from the General Fund Budget for 2018 is \$1,941,717.96, and the estimated total expenditures for 2018 are \$2,005,796.06. The anticipated balance on December 31, 2018 is \$322,687.48. No tax increase will be necessary if the budget is adopted as proposed.

The Supervisors decided to increase the transfer to the Garbage Equipment Fund from \$24,000 to \$42,000 for the year of 2018, due to financing the 2018 Heil Packer for two years. The monthly payment of \$2,000.00 will be increased to \$3,500.00 to meet the payment of the loan. It was noted that the garbage collection department will be financially self-sufficient for the year 2018 without having to increase garbage collection rates.

The Supervisors decided to add an additional \$1,000 for legal services to the Sewer Fund Budget to acquire an easement from the Leighton Area School District to install a sewer lateral up to the Christman Ballfield for installation of bathroom facilities in the future.

The Supervisors suggested on possibly having one of the bathrooms located at the Phifer's Ice Dams Pavilion unlocked for use during the Franklin Township Athletic Association's Little League season on the condition that the Franklin Township Athletic Association members help in paying a custodian to clean the bathroom.

Robin Cressley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Barbara Beltz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.


Brenda Neeb,
Secretary-Treasurer