

Budget Workshop Meeting
November 12, 2020

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 2021 Township budgets. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Jason Frey and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

New Business

Franklin Township's Chief of Police Jason Doll was present to discuss his department's budget for 2021. He presented the Supervisors with a packet which included budgets showing the costs to have five or six full-time officers. He feels that big changes will be coming when the Hospital is up and running and the need for additional full-time officers is evident. He feels the time has come to possibly increase the tax millage to be able to afford additional officers. He presented a print out from the Carbon County Tax Assessment Office's showing where Franklin Township stands compared to other boroughs and municipalities when it comes to the millage. Supervisor Beltz said she understands the need for a fifth full-time officer but feels now is not the time due to the current budget figures. She said if we can somehow bring our revenues up this coming year she would like to see a fifth officer in place for the 2022 budget. It was the consensus of the Board that for the year of 2021 they will have to continue to work with the current staff of police officers. Chief Doll said if that is the case could they hire another part-time police officer. They reviewed the current general fund budget figures and made some changes to be able to add more funding to the part-time police budget figure. After the changes were made the Supervisors agreed to advertise to hire another part-time police officer as soon as possible. The Supervisors also shuffled some numbers around that enabled an additional \$4,000.00 be given to the Fire Company in the 2021 Budget.

After the few adjustments made at tonight's workshop meeting the anticipated balance forward on December 31, 2021 will be \$314,397.26. The Supervisors were pleased to note through some cutbacks in some departments they will once again not have to increase taxes if the budget is adopted as proposed.

No citizens were present and there were no questions from the press.

Barbara Beltz made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. Robin Cressley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully,

Brenda Cressley, Secretary