

SPECIAL MEETING

Budget Workshop Synopsis

The Franklin Township Committee held a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the hour of 6:00 p.m. Mayor Bonnie Butler opened the meeting in accordance with the “Open Public Meeting Act” Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 having been duly advertised and a copy posted in the office of the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: **Butler-Yes, Flynn-**(joined the meeting at 7:00 pm) **Yes, DeAngelis-Absent, Toretta-Yes; Pence-Yes. (5) Present**

Present were: Dawn Stanchina, CFO, Ron Read, Road Foreman, Raymond Read, OEM/Fire Chief, Jim Schlessinger, FTYA President, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk.

The 2015 Expenditure Budget, prepared by our CFO, was reviewed per each Line Item as follow:

Letters of request received:

Full Time Employees

DPW Employees proposed a 3.5% increase, committee considering a 2% increase. Their budget line item should be acceptable at \$170,000 for road maintenance, etc., proposed \$25,000 for a lease on a new loader. This latter request is not going forward.

Municipal Clerk proposed a \$5,000 increase for 2016.

Part Time Employees

Letters were received from the Land Use and Open Space Secretary and Office Assistant, proposing a Cost of Living increase, Tax Assessor proposing \$600 for a new printer/scanner, Building Department proposing \$1,000 for updated Code Books and \$600 salary increase per code official in lieu of gas reimbursement, has been declined. CFO proposed a 2% increase. No other letters received from any other Part Time department.

Miscellaneous Line Items: (Considering an increase as follows)

Recreation: OE line item currently at \$7,000 looking to increase for 2016 to \$8,000.

Buildings and Grounds: OE line item currently at \$49,500 looking to increase to \$51,000.

OEM

Sonny Read will be looking to purchase the following in 2016, per letter submitted:

1. 1 new portable radio \$675
 2. Training classes \$200
 3. 2 NFPA & DOT required high visibility coats \$400
- Total of \$1,275.00

Fire Department

Chief Read submitted a budget request for 2016 as follows totaling \$55,671.00:

1. Personal Protective Equipment including; 5 sets of gear to be replaced; total \$16,710
2. Annual Mandatory Testing P-OSHA & NFPA 1911-1932 testing of miscellaneous equipment, ladders, pumps, hoses, flow test on breathing air apparatus, gas meters recalibrated; total \$19,310.00
3. Service and Repairs on township owned trucks and department owned trucks and equipment, engine repairs and service, drive train repairs and service, tires, pumps, electronic devices; \$19,651.

Long term looking to replace the pumper tanker in late 2017 early 2018, state contract price on a pre-built truck approximately \$360,000.00.

Rescue Squad

Chief Karen Chiu not present at this meeting, submitted a letter pertaining to budget requests for 2016. Looking to purchase a new ambulance in perhaps 2 years not to exceed \$150,000. The last ambulance purchased by the township was in 1999. Committee proposing to keep their line item at \$7,500 this year and they should submit vouchers to the CFO for reimbursements accordingly.

Franklin Township Youth Association

Jim Schlessinger, President of the Youth Association presented a proposal as follows:

Asking for \$11,000 in lieu of \$7,000 currently to include insurance premiums, annual upkeep of a baseball and softball field at the Franklin School.

Also inquiring if Open Space Funds could be provided to maintain the baseball/softball fields in Asbury, fencing along first and third baselines, permanent player benches, infield groomer, nail drag; \$21,200. And annually \$7,500 to replenish dirt, reshape the field and treat the lawn, fertilization, aeration/overseed at the Asbury Soccer and Baseball/Softball fields.

On motion by Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Jacob Pence to start charging for the Broadway Soccer field as we currently charge for the Asbury Soccer fields.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Bonnie Butler	X		
Joe Flynn	X		
Jeff DeAngelis			X
Michael Toretta	X		
Jacob Pence	X	(4) Yes (0) No (1) Absent	Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joe Flynn – nothing further to report

Michael Toretta – nothing further to report

Jacob Pence – nothing further to report

Jeff DeAngelis– absent

Bonnie Butler – nothing further to report

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No one present from the public for comments.

On motion by Jacob Pence and seconded by Mike Toretta, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:37 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk