

WORKSHOP MEETING

Budget Workshop Synopsis

The Franklin Township Committee held a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, April 11, 2022, at the approximate hour of 7:00 p.m. Mayor Mike Toretta 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, Ferri-Yes, Guth-Yes, Herzer-Yes; Toretta-Yes. (5) Present; (0) Absent

Present were: Municipal Auditor, John Mooney, CFO, Kathleen Reinalda, Joe Biel, DPW Foreman, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk

Budget discussions ensued to crunch additional numbers to keep the tax rate at a 1 cent increase, averaging \$20 additional per taxpayer, annually.

Removing \$20,000 from the Engineer's line item. Streets and Roads S/W \$195,000 and O/E \$200,000. Road Foreman \$7,500 increase of salary and Road Laborer I and II will receive 2% increase. The Dog Licensing Salary of \$2,132 will be combined in with the Municipal Clerk's salary as this is one of her duties and will also receive a 2% increase on top of that. The Assistant Treasurer's salary will be increased to \$6,000 now handling municipal escrows as well as land use. The municipal clerk was also approved to start using her accumulated sick days and to work Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$20/hr has been placed in the budget for an Office Assistant as needed by the clerk.

Auditor Mooney will reach out to our Bond Counsel if oil/chip can be bonded as well as the 1-year BAN for the Water Main Project.

The Millbrook Road Project is out for the time being, and the Shurts Road Project is in to proceed.

On motion by Rich Herzer and seconded by David Guth, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 8:16 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk