

SPECIAL MEETING

Budget Workshop Synopsis

The Franklin Township Committee held a Budget Workshop Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2020 at the hour of 5:05 p.m. Mayor Jeff DeAngelis 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: Herzer-Yes, (joined the meeting at 5:19pm), Ferri-Yes, DeAngelis-Yes, Toretta-Yes; Guth-Yes. (5) Present (0) Absent

Present were: Ron Read, Road Foreman, Raymond Read, OEM/Fire Chief, Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk.

Mayor DeAngelis informed our Shared Municipal Court is renewing next year. Knowlton Township is looking to increase our annual contribution an additional \$24,000 for 2020. Mayor is speaking with multiple municipalities as to a shared court venture.

New CFO, Kathleen Reinalda thanked the committee for her appointment, serving the community as CFO and appreciates the opportunity.

A BAN (Bond Sale) transpired today, seeing three quotes from PNC, Roosevelt and BNY Mellon, which had the best interest rate of 1.36%, equates to \$20,000 of interest.

IT Updates need to be addressed, money has been set aside last year.

Outside lighting is an issue and needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Lighting quotes were provided from four vendors for review and discussion.

Kathleen Reinalda, CFO, prepared items of Available Capital Funds as well as a Budget Worksheet to discuss and appropriate accordingly.

There are approximately \$83,000 available in Building Improvements that will be used for a new desk for the Tax Collector and securing her office, repairing the front sign, upgrade lights at the municipal building indoor/out, replace municipal building front/back doors.

Available Open Space Funds can be used to upgrade the heating in the community center and a new storage container.

Looking to offer our Office Assistant a full-time opportunity that will provide additional support during the day for the municipal clerk as well as to other departments. This will also provide security during the day not having the clerk alone in the building as well as coverage when she is off. Need to justify the additional 2 days vs. work to be done and look into health insurance cost as well.

DPW

Foreman Read submitted his request for 2020. Wish List to include Road Maintenance, Salt Fund, a New Dump Truck and Backhoe and a Building Fund. Straight salt vs. a mix of grit and salt was discussed as well as cost to clean up and the effectiveness.

Fire Department

Chief Read submitted a budget request for 2020 totaling \$60,071 for personal protective gear, annual mandatory testing P-OSHA and NFPA, Service and Repairs on trucks and equipment, SCBA Breathing Apparatus replacement of 12 breathing air bottles.

EMS Division

Chief Read submitted the budget request for 2020, asking for \$20,007.95 for EMS. Includes rig repairs, equipment repair as well as equipment and medical supplies. Mandatory courses, annual fee for Electronic EMS Charting.

OEM

Sonny Read submitted budget request for 2020, remains the same as last year for a total of \$700. Communication/mapping equipment, training and response safety equipment.

FTYA

CFO met with President Schlessinger, requesting an additional \$6,000 for a total of \$14,000 total for 2020.

Litigation Items

Warehouse, aka Heisler
Tort claim for repair of roads from OU2 project.

\$63,000 still in a line item under Minnini Road Repairs. CFO will cancel to make money available after speaking with the Auditor as to where to move.

Letters requesting a salary increase received from the DPW, the Municipal Clerk and Dog Licensing Officials. 2% is being suggested for full-time employees only this year.

The originally scheduled February 3rd meeting to start at 6pm will begin at 7pm due to lack of agenda items. The March 9th Workshop meeting, originally scheduled at 7pm, will be used to review budget figures.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

No one present from the public for comments.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Rich Herzer, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 6:45 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk