

WORKSHOP MEETING

Budget Workshop Synopsis

The Franklin Township Committee held a Budget Workshop Meeting on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the hour of 7:00 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, Ferri-Yes, DeAngelis-Yes, Toretta-Yes; Guth-Yes. (5) Present; (0) Absent

Present were: Anthony Ardito, Municipal Auditor, Kathleen Reinalda, CFO, Ron Read, Road Foreman, Joe Biel, Asst. Foreman, Raymond Read, OEM/Fire Chief, Margaret Housman, Office Asst., Denise L. Becton, Municipal Clerk.

The mayor and township committee discussed at length the 2020 proposed budget, salaries/wages and the operating budget. Introduction of the municipal budget to be heard at the April 6th township meeting. As presented it would be approximately a \$42 increase to the average taxpayer.

Mr. Toretta will follow up as to the solar to be mounted on the municipal building.

Mr. Ferri received another quote for municipal/community center doors. Additional quotes will be needed prior to an approval.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Toretta and seconded by Committeeperson David Guth to approve the purchase of a 2019 Ford E-450 Ambulance from PL Custom, 7 year lease term, annual payment \$40,371, total purchase price \$250,000.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain	
David Guth	X			
Rich Herzer	X			
Mike Ferri	X			
Michael Toretta	X			
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes	(0) No	(0) Absent Motion Carried

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by Rich Herzer to open to the public at 8:12 pm.

On motion by Mike Ferri and seconded by Rich Herzer to close public session at 8:13 pm.

Margaret Housman was asked to join the meeting via a RICE Notice to discuss her matters of employment. Requesting to work an additional day and health benefits. Ms. Housman passed out her duties/job titles, advising her workload could use an additional day in the office.

On motion by Committeeperson Mike Ferri and seconded by Committeeperson Mike Toretta approving Margaret Housman, one additional day a week and benefits.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) No	(0) Absent Motion Carried

The municipal clerk is looking to combine her election fees, registrar fees and cell phone expense with her municipal clerk's salary for 2020, and add two additional floating holidays, to compensate for election days worked. Requesting also that her salary be increased to be more in line with neighboring municipal clerk's salaries.

After a lengthy discussion a motion by Committeeperson Jeff DeAngelis and seconded by Committeeperson David Guth approving combining the fees for elections/registrar/cell phone with the municipal clerk's salary for 2020 and adding 2 additional floating holidays.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstain
David Guth	X		
Rich Herzer	X		
Mike Ferri	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeff DeAngelis	X	(5) Yes (0) No	(0) Absent Motion Carried

Mayor DeAngelis will discuss with Attorney Benbrook as to the percentages of a raise that can be given and Civil Service procedures.

On motion by Mike Toretta and seconded by David Guth, hearing no objection, meeting stands adjourned at 9:04 pm. Unanimous Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise L. Becton, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk