

**FREEDOM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUDGET WORKSHOP
OCTOBER 14, 2020
6:45 P.M.**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Allen Beckett, Chairperson
Paul Kellett, Vice-Chairperson

TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS PRESENT

Zachary Gulden, Township Manager
Linus Fenicle, Township Solicitor

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT

Ed Buchheit, Mary Buchheit, and Barbara Milligan

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Beckett called the Board of Supervisor's Meeting to order at 6:45 p.m., and he noted that Mr. Young was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION OF THE 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mr. Gulden explained the 2021 budget talking points:

- No tax increase is proposed.
- \$16,500.00 for police coverage with Liberty Township. 25 hours per month at \$55.00 per hour.
- \$8,500.00 for code revision / codification services. \$6,364.20 to finalize codification project (60% of contract). The first 40% was paid under the 2020 budget. \$2,000.00 for SALDO update with County.
- Additional \$6,240.00 donation to Greenmount Fire Department for a 300-gallon diesel & gas fuel tank.
- \$17,200.00 General Fund transfer to Capital Reserve Fund.
- \$90,000.00 to purchase new truck from Capital Reserve Fund. This would replace the 1994 Dodge dump truck. Current truck would be sold as-is through sealed bids.
- \$70,000.00 is budgeted for highway repair / maintenance. \$65,000.00 from the Highway Aid Fund & \$5,000.00 from the General Fund.

Chair Beckett stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will see fewer liquid fuels tax funds in 2021; therefore, he would like to reduce the amount of funds budgeted for highway repair and maintenance. Chair Beckett & Vice-Chair Kellett agreed to budget \$65,000.00 from

the Highway Aid Fund and remove the \$5,000.00 budgeted from the General Fund. The \$5,000.00 will be transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund instead to expand the Township maintenance garage in the future. The total Capital Reserve Fund transfer from the General Fund was increased to \$22,200.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Chair Beckett made a **MOTION** to adjourn. The Motion was **SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Kellett. Chair Beckett adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.