

BUDGET WORKSHOP

A special meeting of the Fox Township Board of Supervisors was held October 21, 2021 at 4:00 PM for the purpose of discussing the 2022 Budget and any other business that should come before the board, as was advertised. Those present: Dave Mattiuz, Matt Pontzer and Randy Gradizzi, supervisors, Kathy Dowie, secretary-treasurer, Rob Singer, and Scott Surra, fire chief.

Chairman Mattiuz called the meeting to order and began by acknowledging the visitors.

Scott Surra had reviewed the Fire Protection budget report and felt that no changes were needed in that fund, keeping the expenses the same as 2021 with a small adjustment to the insurance as a result of selling two trucks and purchasing a new one. Dave Mattiuz asked when the Department anticipates purchasing another new truck. Scott replied that the next truck due to be replaced would be the tanker, but currently has no issues, so replacement won't likely be for another 7 to 10 years.

The Board discussed each line item of the budget as it appeared on the worksheets.

Moving on to the General Fund budget, the following items were acted upon or discussed:

In accordance with Federal regulations, the board added \$216,241 in ARPA funds to the General Fund to make up for lost revenue in 2020.

In discussing the Road Maintenance items, Randy Gradizzi stated that he would like to budget for the following:

1B limestone, 1500 ton @ \$23.90 - \$35,850

2A limestone, 2,000 ton @ \$19.00 - \$38,000

2B limestone, 1,000 ton @ \$23.70 - \$23,700

MC70 Dust Oil, 15,000 gallon - \$48,000

Paving – Laurel, Fern, Anna & George (\$162,738) and a portion of Squab Hollow Road (\$164,246)

These items were added to the proposed budget, being split within the State and General Funds.

In discussing the equipment fund, the only item to be budgeted was the 2022 Ford Ranger for Code Enforcement, which is already on order. Randy Gradizzi did note that he will need to replace one of the plow trucks next year.

The Board then went into executive session to discuss wages. Upon returning, Dave Mattiuz announced that a \$0.60 per hour increase would be budgeted for all the employees, with the exception of the PHEAA program workers.

Once wages were calculated, the amount needed from the Landfill Host Fees to balance the General Fund was determined and remaining Landfill Host Fees were distributed between the equipment reserve fund, emergency equipment reserves and garbage collection expenses.

In discussing the Toby Water fund, the board decided that another timber sale would be needed. Water usage rates will remain the same.

Kathy Dowie will re-check all the figures and prepare the proposed budget for the Board to review at the next meeting.

With no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Mattiuz, seconded by Matt Pontzer to adjourn this meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried.