

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Derry Township Board of Supervisors held a 2022 Budget Workshop, Monday, November 15, 2021 at 4:30 p.m., Township Municipal Building, Lewistown.

Present:	Chairman	Ronald E. Napikoski, Jr.
	Supervisor	John T. Sipe
	Secretary	Kelly J. Shutes
	Roadmaster	Justin Allen

Mr. Napikoski called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

The Manager presented a draft Proposed Budget for 2022. There are no proposed tax increases for 2022.

Fran Varner will be leaving her position as Zoning Officer at the end of 2021. The Manager suggested the Board should appoint Holly Johnson as Zoning Officer. She would be required to dedicate part of her forty-hour work week to Zoning duties and the remaining hours to her current position as Township Clerk/Payroll Clerk. To alleviate her workload the on-lot sewage management program currently being administered by the Township office would be transferred to the Sewer Authority office and much of the park administration duties would be handled by the receptionist. This would in essence remove the stand-alone position of Zoning Officer from the budget. With the new distribution of duties and responsibilities, the Zoning Officer/Clerk position, the Receptionist position and the Township Manager would receive an 8% increase in wages. A 3% wage increase was proposed to be given to all other employees. The FSA accounts will be continued for all employees willing to participate.

The Roadmaster was present to discuss the current situation with the Road Dept. vehicles. Initial plans were made in the 2022 budget to purchase a large dump truck to replace the 2000 International truck, however; due to the current inventory problems by most manufacturers of vehicles and other equipment new trucks will not be available for purchase until 2023. The Manager was directed to leave the funds allocated for the truck in the 2022 budget on the outside chance that vehicles may become available sooner. Lease of a new street sweeper has been budgeted to be paid out of the Liquid Fuels fund with a lease or short-term borrowing on a seven-year term.

The Township Engineer continues to work with PennDOT to establish a design plan for the Nolan Drive Bridge Rehabilitation Project that is to be partially funded by the Mifflin County Act 89 money and General Fund money (*estimated Twp. share is \$7,343 + \$27,240 engineering costs*). No major street improvements are planned but Ninth Ave. and the alleys in Yeagertown will be paved by the Road Dept.

Renovations to the walking trail and dredging the pond are included in the park budget for 2022, as well as construction of a new pavilion. These improvements will come out of the Capital Reserve Fund. A Master Plan Study is being conducted and will give us guidance on future improvements at Kish Park. Grants and donations will be sought to offset some of these costs.

The Board will meet again for a Proposed Budget Meeting on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. R. Napikoski made a motion to adjourn at 5:20 PM. J. Sipe seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 – 0.

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Kelly J. Shutes
Township Manager