

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUDGET MEETING**

**October 24, 2019**

The Rockland Township Board of Supervisors held their annual budget meeting on October 24, 2019 at 1:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The following members were present: Duane Bennetch (Chairman), Nathan Ohlinger (Vice Chairman) and David Wartzluft (Township Supervisor). Also present were: Karen Krall (Secretary/Treasurer), Michael Pott (Roadmaster) and Attorney Jim Smith (Township Solicitor).

Chairman, Duane Bennetch, called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the proposed 2020 budget to the Board of Supervisors which included no proposed tax increases for 2020.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed and discussed the General Fund revenue line items for 2020 with total revenue anticipated for 2020 totaling approximately \$990,758.00.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the General Fund expenses for 2020. The Board discussed the following donations for 2020: \$5,200. Brandywine Community Library, \$250. Albright College, and \$100. Crime Alert Berks County. The Board discussed removing \$10,000.00 for dry hydrant installation and including an extra \$5,000.00 toward the Fire Company Equipment Fund and an additional \$5,000.00 toward the Township's paramedic donation. The 2020 proposed budget includes an approximate 2.5% increase for all full-time employees. The Board also discussed adding an additional \$5,000.00 to the traffic signs expense line item for the purchase of a speed detection/monitoring sign during 2020. The total expenses for the proposed 2020 budget for the General Fund as discussed totaled approximately \$1,055,160.00. The Board also discussed the purchase of a spreader and co-op equipment (used roller and/or used belt loader) and recommended \$20,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Account be used to purchase these items in 2020.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed State Aid Fund budget for 2020. The Township anticipates receipt of approximately \$198,000.00 in State Aid monies for 2020. Therefore, the projected State Aid funds available for 2020 will be approximately \$205,000.00. The Roadmaster expects to use approximately \$193,000.00 from the State Aid Fund for planned 2020 road projects.

The Township Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to prepare the proposed 2020 budget with no proposed tax increases for 2020 for approval for advertising at the upcoming November 12, 2019 for consideration for adoption at the December 10, 2019 Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25PM on a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall  
Secretary/Treasurer