

**ROCKLAND TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
BUDGET MEETING**

**October 25, 2018**

The Rockland Township Board of Supervisors held their annual budget meeting on October 25, 2018 at 1:00PM at the Rockland Township Municipal Building. The following members were present: Duane Bennetch (Chairman), Nathan Ohlinger (Vice Chairman) and David Wartzenluft (Township Supervisor). Also present were: Karen Krall (Secretary/Treasurer) and Michael Pott (Roadmaster).

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

The Secretary/Treasurer presented the proposed 2019 budget to the Board of Supervisors which included no proposed tax increases for 2019.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed and discussed the General Fund revenue line items for 2019 with total revenue anticipated for 2019 totaling approximately \$993,700.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the General Fund expenses for 2019. The Board discussed the following donations for 2019: \$6,000. Brandywine Community Library, \$150. Berks Visiting Nurse Association, \$50. Kutztown Historical Society, \$250. Albright College, and \$100. Crime Alert Berks County. The Board decided to keep the donation amounts for the fire companies and Topton Ambulance Service the same as for 2018. The Board also discussed the Animal Rescue League's recent notification of a significant increase in their costs associated with providing the Township's animal control services, if the Township opts to contract with the ARL for 2019. After a brief discussion, the Board decided to keep the ARL donation the same as for 2018, until additional information was received from the ARL. The 2019 proposed budget includes an approximate 2.5% increase for all full-time employees. The Board discussed the purchase of a 2019 Deere 544L Loader during 2019. The total purchase price (via Costars) would be \$161,900. The Board requested the Roadmaster obtain financing information for the Board's consideration. The Board also decided to allocate \$2,500. for bridge inspections (to begin engineering inspections of those bridges/culverts throughout the Township which are not routinely inspected by the State). The total expenses for the proposed 2019 budget for the General Fund as discussed totaled approximately \$1,200,000.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the proposed State Aid Fund budget for 2019. The Township anticipates receipt of approximately \$201,900. in State Aid monies for 2019. Therefore, the projected State Aid funds available for 2019 will be approximately \$241,000. The Roadmaster expects to use approximately \$220,000. from the State Aid Fund for 2019 road projects.

The Township Secretary/Treasurer was instructed to prepare the proposed 2019 budget with no proposed tax increases for 2019 for approval for advertising at the upcoming November 13, 2018 for consideration for adoption at the December 11, 2018 Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56PM on a motion by Duane Bennetch, seconded by Nathan Ohlinger. There was no public comment. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Krall  
Secretary/Treasurer