Fremont Township Minutes February 10, 2022 Budget Workshop

The budget workshop for the Fremont Township Board of Trustees was held on February 10, 2022, immediately following the regular township board meeting at the Fremont Twp. Hall. Board members present: M. Blatt, A. Holbrook, R. Curell and C. Franzel. Absent: K. Thom. Guests: Greg Eggert, and Gail Prill.

Called to order at 8:38 p.m.

Revenue:

Board discussed the actual cost of the trash assessment and whether or not we were breaking even. A. Holbrook stated that if everyone paid their taxes we should collect what we have to spend out but not everyone pays their taxes or they pay them late so sometimes we may show a deficit.

Expenses:

Board discussed increasing the Supervisor's salary as that position has not had an increase since 2013. M. Blatt stated that he would abstain from this discussion. Board decided to increase the Supervisor's salary by \$2400 per year. M. Blatt mentioned that he thinks we should look at giving the Deputies an increase and it was mentioned that we increased their pay last year. It was decided to leave this as is for this year.

Board discussed increasing the pay for the Board of Review. A. Holbrook stated that the currently receive \$400 for the March meetings and \$50 for each of the July and December meetings. Board decided to increase their March payment to \$500 each and their July and December meeting rate to \$75.

A. Holbrook asked if we should look at increasing the pay of the Planning Commission members and the ZBA members because they also currently just receive \$50 per meeting. Board decided to increase the Planning Commission and ZBA members per meeting rate to \$75 each.

General Legal expenses – Board stated that we will have more legal expenses this year and so we should increase the legal budget to \$5,000.

Planning Commission Legal Expense – Board stated that we will have more legal expenses for the Planning Commission and so we should increase that budget to \$2,000.

Retirement – needs to increase \$600.00

Contingency/Reserve needs to change to \$781.

Other than the above listed changes, the Board feels that the proposed budget looks good and we can recommend it for approval at the March Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Amy Holbrook, Fremont Township Clerk