Fremont Township Minutes February 11, 2021 Budget Workshop

The budget workshop for the Fremont Township Board of Trustees was held on February 11, 2021, 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, John Welke and Brandon Blatt.

Called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Revenue:

Board discussed the amount collected for trash pickup and increased that cost to \$118,000.00.

Expenses:

Need to increase the trash collection expense to \$118,000.00 to account for the increased cost of trash collection. It was also talked about the telephone costs at the hall. It was discussed about maybe going to cell phones but we would still need a phone line for the emergency siren. Also the internet is still not the greatest at the hall so going with VOIP probably would not be the best option at this time. This is something we will consider if we can get better internet. Board discussed increasing the Deputies pay. It was decided to increase the budget amount for the Deputy Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to \$1,200.00 per year.

Board also discussed increasing the hourly pay for election workers. R. Curell stated that Vassar township workers get paid more than ours. Currently our election workers get paid \$10 per hour and the chairperson gets \$11 per hour. Board decided to increase the pay to \$13 per hour for election workers and \$14 per hour for the chairperson.

Board discussed the request from the Assessor to increase her salary to \$26,275.00. Board agreed to go ahead and increase her budget that amount.

M. Blatt stated that he thinks the Clerk salary needs to increase. He stated that J. Welke had recommended a substantial number when we previously discussed it but that the Clerk said they should wait till the budget meeting. J. Welke stated that he could not remember what number he had suggested. R. Curell suggested that we increase the Clerk's salary to \$15,500 because that is the same that another local township clerk makes and that township is smaller than ours. Someone else mentioned that it should be \$15,600 because then it would be an even number. The Board decided to increase the Clerk's salary budget to \$15,500.00

Fire Contract – The Board needs to update the Fire Contract and they received the proposed copy from the Village of Mayville today. They will discuss this at next months meeting.

Roadside mowing – change to \$5,000

Retirement – needs to increase \$880.00

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 8:45 p.m.

Amy Holbrook, Fremont Township Clerk