

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS)
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2026, 6:00 PM**

FINAL

Call to Order

Roll Call: (x) Wenrich (x) Buckwash (x) Anthony (x) Keefer (x) Keckler
(x) Williams

Chairman Mark Wenrich called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

PARKS AND RECREATION

Paul Struble, from the Parks and Recreation (P&R) Committee, was present. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) answered some questions on the budget process. Vice-Chairman Dave Buckwash informed Paul that several months of reports are in the P&R bin. Treasurer Pam Williams explained that the reports include monthly Balance Sheets, P&L Last Month & Month to Date and the P&L Actual vs. Budget. Paul asked how they proceed with moving forward and about obtaining grants for some park needs.

The BOS stated they can apply for grants, but the BOS needs to see the project, the cost, if it needs to be bid out, why it's needed and who would benefit, and the parameters of the grant before it's accepted. The BOS informed Paul that most of the time, grants require a match from the township. For a P&R grant, the match would come from the P&R budget depending on the amount and funds available. If funds were not available, then the match would come from the General Fund. The BOS doesn't want to be tied to restrictions on DCNR grants.

Paul stated the Dillsburg Area Soccer Club (DASC) wanted the barriers put up in Century Lane to the right of the parking lot like the ones that are at Ponderosa Park. VC Dave Buckwash stated the DASC put those up, not the township. Discussion was held on fees paid by DASC and the other sports organizations, as well as how they contribute to the field maintenance. Discussion was held on annual fees paid in the past and possibly reinstituting those fees.

**PARKS & RECREATION
INCOME**

367.20-Recreation Fees-Discussion was held on the future Recreation Fee in lieu of that will be coming in from BOXX Modular. The BOS stated that it will probably be paid with the final LD Plan. Supervisor Keckler stated that if we budget it for 2027 and back the amount out of the contribution from the General Fund. It was decided to let the 2027 Budget as is until confirmation is made on when it will be received. \$13,800 was received on 9/15/26.

367.25-Trees & Benches Ponderosa-Discussion on this (and the income portion), will be placed on the agenda for the 10/22/26 Fee Schedule/Budget meeting.

EXPENSES

454.10-Supplies-Projected to come in lower than the 2026 Budget and decreased from \$1,250.00 in 2026 to \$1,000 in 2027.

454.23-Waste Disposal-Increased to \$3,750 for 2027 from \$3,500 in 2026.

454.24-Water Testing-Increased to \$2,000 for 2027 from \$1,100 in 2026.

454.25-General Maintenance/Repair-Decreased to \$6,000 for 2027 from \$6,500 in 2026.

454.37-Memorial Trees Expense-Decreased to \$100 for 2027 to \$500 in 2026. Discussion was held on the memorial trees and benches. Supervisor Keefer questioned why the resident making the donation does not pay for the tree or bench so it's a 100% to the resident.

STATE HIGHWAY BUDGET INCOME

Discussion was held on checking & savings income.

355.02-Liquid Fuels Funding-Guidance from our LF Representative said to use 5% less than the amount received last year for budgeting until the final amounts are released.

EXPENSES

432.24-Anti-Skid-Roadmaster Andy Gibb stated he was not buying any more anti-skid for 2026.

432.26-Salt-The 2026 projected amount includes three more loads of salt for 2026 at approximately \$1,800 each which will be paid for in 2026. Discussion was held on whether we would have more or less starting 2027.

433.24-Roads, Street Signs & Posts-Four signs will be needed for Franklinton Road.

434.14-Traffic Control Devices-Decreased to \$500 for 2027 from \$1,000 in 2026.

Discussion was held on 436, Storm Sewers and Drains but the line item was not changed.

437.30-Tires-Increased to \$3,000 for 2027 from \$1,800 in 2026. Quote for tires is \$5252.38

For Oil/Chip-Andy had not provided any information for this meeting on planned oil/chip or paving for 2027.

438.62-Road Maintenance Project-\$135,939.87 will be paid from St Hwy and \$96, 374.02 will be paid from the General Fund.

Mark called Andy and asked him how much salt the salt shed holds and after he gets three more loads, will we have a full shed to start 2027. He also asked Andy if he was planning to buy any tires in 2027.

Andy stated he will need approximately ten tires. Andy stated he was projecting for oil/chip and paving projects for 2027.

Andy informed the BOS that if there are any funds not used in Parks & Rec, he would like to start replacing our wooden picnic tables in the parks. Andy will get some pricing for the 922/26 Budget Meeting.

Pam said Andy asked for permission to hire two seasonal employees for 2027 for mowing and/or plowing. It was decided to wait to finalize this budget until we are made aware of the LF/State Aid amount we will be receiving in 2026.

GENERAL FUND INCOME

The current real estate assessment report was reviewed. Pam said it only reduces the line items slightly. If it affects the amount distributed to the fire company, Mark said the difference could be donated.

Discussion was held on how the NYCFR calculates their budget and their staffing. Dave stated NYCFR wants to enter into a contract with the township stating that they want their funds at certain increments. Currently, they receive their distributions quarterly. Dave said he will ask for an audit to account for where township funds have been spent if the BOS agrees.

301.10-Real Estate Tax-Current Year, .60, TWP-Decreased to \$173,566 for 2027 from \$173,769 for 2026.

301.10-Real Estate Tax-Current Year, .59, NYCFR-Decreased to \$170,672 for 2027 from \$170,873 for 2026.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 PM.

SECOND by Supervisor Duane Anthony

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

MOTION PASSED

Pamela Williams

Pamela Williams-Treasurer/HR Admin.