

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS)
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
August 27, 2025, 6:00 PM**

Call to Order

**Roll Call: (x) Wenrich () Buckwash (x) Anthony (x) Keefer (x) Cummings
(x) Williams**

Chairman Mark Wenrich called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

NYCFR

Mark Snyder and Chris Delvecchio from Northern York County Fire and Rescue (NYCFR) attended the meeting to discuss their 2026 Budget request. They are requesting \$274,696 from Franklin Township. This is \$22,053 more than the NYCFR 2025 budget request of \$252,643. The township budgeted amount for 2025 is \$162,250 based on the .59 tax calculated from our real estate assessment. The 2026 budget request from NYCFR is \$112,446 more than what the township budgeted in 2025. Treasurer Pam Williams provided the Board of Supervisors (BOS) updated NYCFR 2025 YTD income totals for each: Carroll Township-\$176,946; Franklin Township, \$155,238; Dillsburg Borough-\$88,746 and Washington Township, \$5,000 totaling \$425,931. This reduced the net operating loss that was listed on the NYCFR YTD 2025. Discussion was held on the difference in the number of residents in each township and the YTD income proportions and if participating municipalities have a "fire tax" or additional millage on assessment tax that is designated to go to NYCFR. Chris Delvecchio, who is on Dillsburg Borough Council, stated they have not set a millage rate for a fire tax/specific amount for NYCFR. It was agreed that all of the participating municipalities should pay the same millage amount/tax rate based on assessed value. NYCFR determines their budgeted amounts with percentages of calls for each municipality.

The BOS asked about Washington Township and why they are only budgeted for \$8,000 in 2026 comparison to Carroll and Franklin Townships and the Dillsburg Borough. Mark Snyder said they have repeatedly had discussions with them to provide more of the share of the funding. It was noted by the BOS that Washington Township also needs to contribute their fair share to NYCFR. Call boxes were also discussed.

The BOS and NYCFR Chris Delvecchio stated that NYCFR wanted the tax rate to be the same for all townships a long time ago. The BOS agreed that it should be the same millage for all contributors based on assessments. NYCFR representatives had to leave to go to a fire call. The discussion will continue at the 9/24/25 Budget meeting.

Discussion was held on whether we are giving NYCFR all of the funds being received. Treasurer Pam Williams stated we are giving the budgeted amount. Any excess (which is very small, mostly interest only) remains in the account. There has been a penalty on the account for low funds. Discussion was held on what the township prefers to do with any excess funds from the .59% tax in the NYCFR account. The BOS all agreed that a new assessment should be pulled each year for the budget. Pam stated that the .59% tax of Franklin Township's 1.19% goes to NYCFR to meet the budgeted amount of \$162,250 for 2025. She shared that if we keep \$1,500 in the account, we are not penalized and if we keep \$2,500 in the account, we earn interest. Supervisor Anthony stated that each year, it appears NYCFR presents a budget with approximately a 20% increase, but Franklin Township is not seeing a growth rate high enough to support the increase.

Supervisor Kevin Cummings stated when Franklin Township enacted the additional .59% to be given to NYCFR, he argued it should be classified as a “fire tax” because NYCFR is required by state law to be audited and accountable to the funds they receive, and residents will be more understanding of a tax increase that is specifically called a “fire tax” and designated as that on their tax bill. Supervisor Tom Keefer stated Franklin Township and the BOS agreed that we should stand firm on the .59% being budgeted and provided to NYCFR.

MOTION was made by Supervisor Kevin Cummings that upon the Solicitor’s review, Franklin Township keeps the account open with a \$2,500 balance from the General Fund to keep it open with no penalty and to earn interest. Any funds received over \$2,500 including interest will go to NYCFR with an annual review of assessed value for budgeting purposes.

SECOND Supervisor Tom Keefer

DISCUSSION: Supervisor Duane Anthony reiterated agreement with an annual review of assessed value.

MOTION PASSED

A comment was made and the BOS tentatively agreed that if the ordinance has to be redone, it should be called a “fire tax” and designated as such on the real estate bill.

PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Budget was tabled until the next budget meeting. Travis Snyder, P&R Chairperson, was not at the meeting to inform the BOS if P&R had any requests for their 2026 budget. He will be notified to attend the 9/24/25 meeting and if he is not in attendance, the BOS will proceed with completing the 2026 P&R budget.

ROADMASTER ANDY GIBB

Andy didn’t attend the meeting but provided the Treasurer with his request for Oil and Chip and Paving projects for 2026. He requested that the previously paved section of Willow Glen (not the newly paved part done in 2025) be considered for oil and chip. He also requested that Franklinton Road from Capitol Hill Rd. to Franklin Church Rd. be considered for a paving project. Treasurer Williams will ask Andy for updated estimates for paving and oil/chip.

Andy also provided a request and a quote to purchase a new lawn mower as well as a quote to replace the 2008 truck. Discussion was held on both subjects. The BOS agreed that a new lawn mower should be purchased at the \$18,021.70 quoted price but would like information from Andy on the price of the last truck purchase, why exactly a new truck is needed/why are we replacing it.

STATE HIGHWAY BUDGET

The State Highway budget was reviewed using the LF/State Aid amount received in 2025 but not completed. No changes were made at this time to income accounts.

Account 432.24, Anti-Skid was increased to \$3,500 for 2026 from \$2,000 in 2025.

Salt purchases were discussed as to how much salt we had in stockpiles, how much we are contracted to buy, etc. Chairman Wenrich called Andy to find out how much we have, if it will last through this winter and/or into next, how much we are contracted to buy, etc. We are contracted to a minimum bid/buy of two hundred tons during the contract year. He stated he used more last year and ended up with a more reduced amount than in previous years.

Account 432.26, Salt was increased to \$15,000 for 2026 from \$7,000 in 2025 per Andy’s input.

Account 432.22, Stone was decreased to \$3,500 for 2026 from \$5,500 in 2025.

Construction Projects, for 2026 (paving project listed above), were discussed and Pam stated there is also \$90,000 plus in the Road Improvement Fund that could be used for paving. These funds come from Road Improvement Fees from SD/LD Plans. Expenses are \$6,500 more than income.

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. Pam explained the funding in the last two years as to what LF/State Aid was supposed to be received vs. what was received. It was agreed if we get approximately \$4,000 more than the 2026 amount (which is what happened in 2025) and take \$1,000 from the tentative budgeted amount for salt, the budget will balance.

Account 341.01, Interest Income, Checking was increased to \$4,500 for 2026 from \$3,000 in 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE BOS

Discussion was held on the SPCA contract the township entered info for 2025.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to not renew or pay the SPCA contract for 2026.

SECOND Supervisor Duane Anthony

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

MOTION PASSED

Discussion was held on canceling the BOS Workshop Meeting on building renovations scheduled for 9/2/25. The question was raised that if we have to cancel it, do we have to advertise that it's canceled. Chairman Wenrich will notify the BOS by Friday.

An Executive Session was held from 6:49-6:52 PM No decisions were made.

For the next meeting on September 24, we will continue the State Highway budget review after the Estimated Liquid Fuels Payment amount is released and begin reviewing the General Fund Budget.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM.

SECOND by Supervisor Duane Anthony

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

MOTION PASSED

Pamela Williams

Pamela Williams-Treasurer/Asst. Secretary