FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP ***FINAL***
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS)
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 2026, 6:00 PM

Call to Order

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

(x) Williams

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

AWARD OF BIDS-FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING ADDITION & RENOVATION BID RESULTS
The following lowest bids were received:

- General Construction-Lobar Inc.-$1,077,000
- Electrical-Monocacy Valley Electric-$204,000
- Plumbing-Mann Plumbing-$65,264
- Mechanical-Mann Mechanical-$145,999

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to accept the lowest bids for the new Building Addition and Renovations upon the Solicitors review.
SECOND by Supervisor Thomas Keefer
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.
MOTION PASSED

NYCRP
Chief Lash provided information on purchasing additional hours for 2027. Franklin Township currently has 80 hours and Chief Lash was proposing an increase to 90 hours, bringing the township to 100% coverage. He recommended five in 2027 and five in 2028 at a current cost of $26,390.18 for five hours. The current number of officers is sixty-nine, the number in 2027 will be seventy-four and the number in 2028 will be seventy-five. The 2027 NYCRP cost will be $422,242.83 and an additional $26,390.18 if five hours are added. Spring Grove Township will be part of the NYCRP beginning 1/1/27. The NYCRP 2027 Budget should be received next week. Chief Lash requested a decision from the Board of Supervisors (BOS) by 10/20/26 at the Police Commission Meeting.

TRASH BID
Discussion was held on the upcoming trash bid between the BOS and the Solicitor Bret Sheaffer. Bret stated he spoke with the YCSWA representative concerning the trash bid and some suggestions were made to get better bids. It is more expensive to include bag service and currently, there is a ten-bag minimum per year. A suggestion was made to attain the number of people that use bags and see if we want to keep or eliminate bag service. The BOS ultimately decided to keep the bag service. Residents will still have to call in the week before for pickup of a large item. A large bundle of construction materials or brush can be considered a large item. The term is three years with a two-year renewal option. The YCSWA “tipping fee” fee is a pass thru. Discussion was held on fuel costs. Our current ordinance caps the tote size at 96 gallons which is the standard tote size. The BOS decided to have the bid list all days for possible pickup days (currently Fridays). The township has to award the bid the lowest responsible bidder.

Discussion was held on posting the bid on Penn Bid. Bret said it's free to have an account. The township can also use sealed bids. Bret said bids could be submitted both ways. Jeff Eojak(sp) attended as a resident and gave information on fuel charges/surcharges and holding the trash contractor responsible for pickup issues. Bret stated the performance bond language can also be used for service issues if a certain percentage of pickups are missed based on the number of homes. Any monies received would go back into the General Fund.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the trash bids once completed by the Solicitor.
SECOND by Supervisor Stuart Keckler
DISCUSSION: Discussion included if the number of residents using bags was under twenty-four, there should be no bag option and if it's over twenty-four, include the bag option.
MOTION PASSED

STATE HIGHWAY
Pam stated that the final Liquid Fuels amount has not yet been received.

2027 OIL/CHIP AND PAVING
438.20-Oil/Chip-Roadmaster Andy Gibb presented roads that he is requesting oil/chip for 2027 which is estimated at $37,000. This includes $2.00 per square and $300 an hour for sweeping. The prices are all based on the fuel index. If the number of roads to be paved needs reduced, Andy stated he would drop Stony Run Rd.

439.61-Construction Projects-Andy presented roads where he is requesting paving for in 2027 which is estimated at $238,000. This includes Union Church Rd. and Century Lane. Pam stated there is not enough money in this account for the total cost of either road. Andy stated Century Lane needs paved the most and it would be from Hickory Rd. to Range End Rd. It was decided to just pave Century Lane in 2027. $131,562.32 was the amount plugged into the State Highway budget. The balance will need to be paid from the General Fund.

Tires and additional salt were discussed for the remainder of 2026.

HIRING OF SEASONAL ROAD CREW
Treasurer Pam Williams stated Roadmaster Andy Gibb would like permission to hire two seasonal workers, one for summer and one for winter.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to authorize advertising for two seasonal road crew employees for mowing and plowing.
SECOND by Supervisor Thomas Keefer
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.
MOTION PASSED
The BOS would like it to be advertised the same way as the last road crew hire in The Sentinel and the York Dispatch/Daily Record.

The purchase of new picnic tables was discussed. It was suggested by Andy to begin replacing our old tables with plastic tables. Longevity of types of tables was discussed. Chairman Wenrich asked Andy to get more information on the coated metal vs. plastic tables as far as cost and durability. The pavilion roofs were also discussed.

NYCFR-Discussion was held on the fire company budget for 2027 as well as the hiring of the Business Manager and his duties.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Pam presented Health Insurance purchasing and renewal options provided by our broker. Discussion was held by the BOS.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to renew the current Health Insurance plan, Capital Blue Cross, Gold Capital Advantage PPO 1000/0/20
SECOND by Supervisor Stuart Keckler
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.
MOTION PASSED

PURCHASE OF LAPTOPS

Pam reviewed the information provided by Secretary Lyndsey Gibb regarding the purchase of laptop computers. The BOS discussed and decided to purchase two new laptops, one for Secretary Lyndsey Gibb and one for Treasurer Pam Williams (due to possibly having to move to QB Online). A laptop will also be purchased for Supervisor/Office Liaison Dave Buckwash if he needs one. Pam's current laptop will be provided to Assistant Secretary Marie Wilcox.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to purchase four laptops not to exceed $3,500.
SECOND by Supervisor Stuart Keckler
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.
MOTION PASSED

The BOS decided not to sign a contract with the SPCA for 2027 or the West Shore Wildlife Center.
The BOS stated it's not in the 2027 budget and it will be taken under advisement.
New Hope ministries sent a thank you letter for their donation.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

310.10-Realty Transfer Tax-increased to $130,000 for 2027 from $100,000 in 2026.
310.21-E.I.T. Current Year-increased to $550,000 for 2027 from $525,000 in 2026.

A 2027 Fee Schedule and Budget meeting will be held on 10/22/26 at 6:00 PM and a 2027 Budget meeting on 10/28/26 at 6:00 PM The goal is to accept all of the budgets for 2027 at the November BOS meeting and adopt them all at the December BOS meeting.

MOTION was made by Chairman Mark Wenrich to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM
SECOND by Supervisor Stuart Keckler
DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.
MOTION PASSED

Pamela Williams

Pamela Williams-Treasurer/HR Admin.