

**BUDGET WORKSHOP
TUESDAY
November 20, 2018
NOON**

The Budget Workshop was called to order at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, November 20, 2018.

ATTENDANCE:

Attending the workshop were Supervisors Gary Friend and John Marcischak. Also attending were Jodi L. Noble-Township Manager and Bev Small-Recording Secretary.

Let the record show that the Supervisors and Township Manager left at Noon on a Road Tour and a Field Site visit to evaluate alternative paving products as used in and by Cecil Township. They returned at 1:30 pm to commence the budget meeting.

Mrs. Noble presented three draft budget scenarios for discussion and consideration by the Supervisors to determine the direction for the 2019 Preliminary Budget. Extensive deliberation on levying a Fire Tax as a means of maintaining the Township Volunteer Fire Department as well as provision for necessary departmental personnel comprised the bulk of the Budget Workshop. After reviewing millage rates and adjusting budgeting time-frames for potential hiring in the Police and Public Works Departments the end result was to have the Township Manager rework the figures to get the fire tax amount within a 0.2 or less millage rate to balance the preliminary budget. The Board discussed in depth fire department funding from the Fire Tax, General Fund, Act 13, and Capital Reserve. The Board expressed a desire to maintain Act 13 funding separately and to fund the volunteer stipend from the General Fund. The Manager and Chairman will meet with the Volunteer Fire Department to discuss the proposed fire tax and receive their input.

The preliminary Budget will be prepared for the November 27, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting and will be on public display for twenty (20) days prior to the scheduled meeting date for adoption.

Discussion ensued pertaining to the overtime costs for the Township Police incurred for police presence at Chartiers-Houston Schools at arrival and dismissal times as well as occasional weekend events requiring overtime. Options were considered that could help reduce costs for overtime.

The workshop meeting adjourned at 2:52 P.M. to convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

The Executive Session adjourned at 4:12 P.M.

John Marcischak
Secretary

Bev Small – Recording Secretary