

**TOWNSHIP OF FRANKFORD
BUDGET MEETING**

Monday, January 27, 2020

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Carney with the opening statement, "Notice of this meeting has been sent to a newspaper of general circulation in which notice was given of the date, time, place and general agenda in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This agenda is subject to change by order of the Township Committee before and/or during this scheduled meeting."

ROLL CALL: Present were Committeeman Castimore, Committeeman Civitan, Committeeman Risdon, Deputy Mayor Ayers, Mayor Carney. Also in attendance were Lori Nienstedt, Acting Municipal Clerk, and Sharon Yarosz, CFO.

The **FLAG SALUTE** was conducted by Mayor Carney.

FRANKFORD TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Frankford Township Fire Department (FTFD) members Chuck McDermott, Treasurer, Mike Fox, President, and Steve Losey, Chief, presented the request for funds for the FTFD. Mr. McDermott supplied the Committee with revised FD Budget information.

A request for \$149,000.00 was made to cover the minimum amount of materials needed to switch over to High Band. Mayor Carney stated that he is working with Josh Hertzberg on the pagers as he feels since the Freeholders are requiring them then they should contribute at least 50% towards our first responders to obtain them.

BLUE RIDGE RESCUE SQUAD

Craig Fary, Lieutenant of Blue Ridge Rescue Squad (BRRS) stated that the Squad is not requesting any additional monies over last year's amount as they have increased their fundraiser activities. He stated that if the Committee could give them the same amount of money that they received last year, that would be beneficial. They have been making repairs to their existing garage and Mayor Carney asked if instead of patching issues there if they could sell it and erect a pole barn. Mr. Fary stated that they could but they have to look at items like that regionally.

Committeeman Risdon requested a calendar of executive meetings of the BRRS so that Township Committee Liaisons can attend their meetings. Mr. Fary said that he would provide that to him.

BUDGET

In redressing former Budget Meeting discussion, Mrs. Yarosz stated that money for a new DPW worker (laborer) should be divided between the Park and the DPW. As such, the Township will not increase the overall budget by a full wage.

Regarding the insurance for the Fire Department, Mayor Carney made a motion for the Township to incur the cost of \$7,500.00 for the new firehouse on the Township policy. As there was no second, the motion died. The Township will not cover the \$7,500.00 cost to cover the new Firehouse on the Township insurance policy.

A motion was made by Committeeman Civitan to hire a new DPW Worker, second by Deputy Mayor Ayers. Roll Call Vote – Aye: Deputy Mayor Ayers, Committeeman Risdon, Committeeman Civitan, Mayor Carney. Nay: Committeeman Castimore With 4 Ayes and 1 Nay, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Since there were no members of the public in attendance at this time, there was no opening to public comment.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Committeeman Civitan to adjourn, seconded by Committeeman Risdon. All in favor. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Lori Nienstedt, Acting Municipal Clerk