

The October 22, 2022 Budget Meeting of the Cogan House Township Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Howard Fry at 9:00 am, Supervisor Daniel Roupp and Supervisor Lori Douglass were present.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

New Business: The Supervisors worked on the 2023 Budget.

Supervisor Roupp talked about some projects for 2023. One is that the DSA would need to be completed on Covered Bridge Road by Steve Blackwell's, he thought it would take about 500 Ton to complete that road. Another possibility would be the Buckhorn Road completion from Red Fox down to the Bridge at intersection of Bobst Mountain.

Discussion was being made about a set donation for the Fire Companies. The Board thought that would be fair along with the monies already given to them for Workers Compensation and the Fire Tax Levy. Supervisor Roupp made a motion to budget donations to the fire companies next year, Supervisor Douglass seconded, voted 3 – 0 MC. No equipment purchases will be made in 2023 unless there is an emergency. The big discussion was on the Municipal Tax increase and the Fire Tax Levy increase. Everyone is being hit hard with inflation costs and the Township is feeling the crunch also. The insurances, payroll, heating and electric are inching up also. The Supervisors agreed in order to possibly get someone to work at the Township an increase in the hourly wage might help. The Secretary stated that we are the only township that takes road payroll out of Liquid Fuels all others use the general fund for complete payroll.

Chairman Fry made a motion to increase the worker's compensation both for snow plowing and summer work, Supervisor Douglass second, voted 3 – 0 MC. Supervisor Roupp's stays the same. Some other services that should be paid out of our General Account is actually the Workman's Compensation for the Fire Companies that we have been taking out of Act 13. Chairman Fry stated that the commissioners were to do the tax assessment next year but a decision has not been made in that area yet. With great thought the Board decided not to raise it for 2023 but found the need to raise it in 2024. Also, the discussion about the Regional Ambulance was discussed and it was decided they would budget for this in 2023 if they do actually join the regional. This would be voted on in 2023.

Chairman Fry made a motion to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 12:30 PM, Supervisor Roupp seconded meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30 PM

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