

**Bertrand Township Board
2020/2021 Budget Planning Workshop
Saturday, January 15, 2022**

Supervisor Hicks called the workshop to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Hicks, Kuhn, Payton, Vite, Zelmer

Members Absent: None

Also present: Bill Knisely – Bertrand Township Fire Chief; Matt Remmo – BTFD Assistant Fire Chief; Tyler Knisely – BTFD Lieutenant/Training Officer

Fire Department Budget Considerations

The tentative budget (attached) as presented by Chief Knisely is \$243,300.

Fire Department needs a 20' x 20' pole building at Station #1 for storage and are getting quotes.

Remmo has applied for two grants:

- a mini-grant for an air refilling station costing \$45,000. This isn't in the budget.
- a grant for SCA airpaks with bottles @ \$9,500. Scott (?) has quoted \$7,000. Treasurer Kuhn has indicated that ARPA funds are available to make up any difference.

The following 800 MHz radios will need to be purchased at a cost not exceeding \$15,000:

- One or two hand radios
- Another mobile radio

Remmo as has asked that we ensure that the new radios have adequate insurance coverage. Clerk Vite will check on that.

The following trucks are nearing end-of-life:

- E530 (Tanker) – 30 years
- E522 ('97 Engine) – 27 years

Hourly Pay recommendations:

- \$12.00 – Candidate / Cadet
- \$16.50 – Certified

General Fund Budget Considerations

Projected Revenue is \$522,089, of which \$245,954 is from State Revenue Sharing.

Proposed Pay Increases

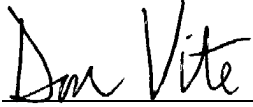
- 6% across the board increase: Admin Assistant; Fire Officers/Chief/Assistant Chief; ZA; Assessor; Deputies; Board Members
- NATS - \$100/mtg
- SMCAS - \$100/mtg

Very high-level discussion as to whether there was an interest in investigating a township municipal complex housing offices and Fire Department. Unanimous approval to begin investigation stage.

Clerk Vite asked for @BertrandTownship.com emails for Trustees, Inspectors, as Assessor. Clerk Vite also brought up issue of website being underutilized and out-of-date. He is going to ask other BCCA clerks how/who maintains their jurisdiction's website. Finally, he is going to have a high level conversation with our Township Insurer at the Hartleb Agency about Health Insurance for township employees.

With no further discussion, **motion** by Hicks to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Don Vite
Bertrand Township Clerk

January 23, 2022

Dated

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