

**Bertrand Township Board  
2023/2024 Budget Planning Workshop  
Saturday, January 14, 2023**

Supervisor Hicks called the workshop to order at 9:05 a.m.

Members Present: Hicks, Kuhn, McDonald, Payton, Vite, White, 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 \$268,900.

The following trucks are nearing end-of-life:

- E530 (Tanker) – 30 years – First replacement need
- E522 ('97 Engine) – 26 years

Treasurer Kuhn said there is \$500K in the Truck Fund.

The board directed Chief Knisely to begin getting bids for a newer model tanker.

Chief Knisely is going to Niles City to piggyback on the purchase of Air Packs for the volume discount.

Chief Knisely presented a rebranding budget to reflect the new Charter Township status and is getting bids for new roadside signage for both stations.

Hourly Pay recommendations:

- \$12.00 – Candidate / Cadet
- \$17.50 – Certified

Fire District Budget Discussions ended at 10:46 a.m.

**General Fund Budget Considerations**

Projected Revenue is \$545,342, of which \$269,342 is from State Revenue Sharing.

**Proposed Pay Increases**

- 4 or 5% discussed across the board increase: Admin Assistant; Fire Officers/Chief/Assistant Chief; ZA; Assessor; Deputies; Board Members
- All other meeting pay stays the same.

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.

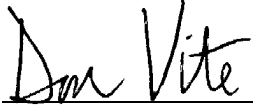
SMCAS will need a SAD Public Hearings of which they should begin in May timeframe.

Clerk Vite brought up issue of website being underutilized and out-of-date.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 BHS Insurance about Health Insurance for township board members.

With no further discussion, **motion** by Hicks to adjourn at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



January 23, 2023

Don Vite

Dated

Bertrand Township Clerk