

**ELK CREEK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**Minutes October 22, 2019**  
**2020 Budget Workshop**

Chairman William Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. Roll call showed Robert Soltis, William Taylor and Michael Hill present, as well as, Secretary/Treasurer Erin Anderson. No public was present.

In reviewing the real estate income, William Taylor suggested keeping the income amounts about the same as 2019. EIT non-resident taxes were discussed and all local taxes should be kept around the same income amount as the 2019 budget.

The severe winter adjustment income and state snow contract were addressed. The state snow contract with PennDOT will be renegotiated in the spring of 2020, as per PennDOT employee, Jim Shaut. Elk Creek Public Works department may have state road coverage reduced for winter maintenance. The amount of contract amount was reduced accordingly.

The Tax Collector class and convention amounts were discussed. Mr. Taylor stated that the tax collector will most likely attend the tax collector convention again in 2020. Expenses were allotted for that.

State liquid fuels income is \$7,000 less for 2020 and Mr. Taylor expects it to continue to reduce in the coming years. The road salt expense remains the same as 2019 budget because the cost per ton has increased but salt may be reduced because of contract renegotiation.

Employee pay was discussed. Mr. Taylor would like to see an increase in hourly pay every year to cover cost of living increases.

Road sign fees were increased for 2020 as Mr. Hill predicted the new signs just mounted would most likely be stolen by next year. Discussion ensued about how to reduce sign theft. It was suggested that Township road numbers be used in place of road names.

The municipal pension allocation remains the same as 2019. Employee insurance will increase approximately 3.5% from last year.

The equipment financing was addressed. Interest rates will need to be compared to evaluate down payment on new truck and if a pay off on the one ton is the way to go. The secretary will do the research before the next workshop.

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Soltis and seconded by Michael Hill.  
Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Anderson, Secretary

**ELK CREEK TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS**  
**Minutes October 29, 2019**  
**2020 Budget Workshop**

Chairman William Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm. Roll call showed Robert Soltis, Michael Hill and William Taylor in attendance, as well as, Secretary/Treasurer Erin Anderson. There were no public attendants.

Public comment: None

Supervisor Michael Hill suggested a line item for large machine repairs be created to better track expenses.

The financing for the new Mack plow truck was discussed. Interest rates for leases were dramatically different in comparing FNB and Mack (KS State). The Supervisors decided on Mack financing through KS State Bank with an interest rate at 3.15% for a 5 year lease. The truck will be at Stephenson Equipment soon and will be done in about 3 weeks.

Mr. Taylor suggested that the seal coat bid for 2020 be bid out inter-municipally but not with as many municipalities as it was this year with Harborcreek so that a better price per yard can be obtained.

Mr. Soltis made a motion to advertise the 2020 Budget in preparation for approval at the December 2, 2019 Supervisor meeting. Motion was seconded by Michael Hill. All three Supervisors agreed. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by William Taylor and seconded by Robert Soltis. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Anderson, Secretary