

A budget workshop meeting with the Supervisors was held Thursday, October 24, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Township Building. The workshop was advertised as required by law in the local paper. Barry Schrope called the workshop to order at 9:05 a.m. Those present were Barry Schrope, Jim Fuller, Jeff Smith, Vicki Jenkins, Sue Flickinger and Kraig Nace.

Kraig Nace of the Duncannon EMS went over their financial status with the supervisors again at the request of Barry Schrope because Jeff Smith was not at the last budget workshop meeting. Kraig advised the way it is looking currently they should break even at the end of the year. Kraig advised they are having a hard time retaining personnel because they can't pay like other larger EMS companies and that they would need approximately \$170,000/yr. to be competitive and offer benefits and higher pay, but they are doing their best to keep the ambulances covered. Kraig stated Penn Township is proposing to give \$20,000 donation in 2020 and Duncannon Borough is proposing a \$12,500 donation in 2020. Kraig advised they are still interested in the 2 newer (2015) ambulances they have looked at and that they did put a \$10,000 deposit down on the one ambulance. Kraig stated financing the ambulances has been difficult because of their cash flow, but they are looking at financing options through the USDA. The supervisors thanked Kraig for coming to the budget workshop and going over things again.

Barry Schrope made a motion to conditionally contribute (pending if they are still available) \$50,000 towards the purchase of 1 of the 2015 ambulances in lieu of no annual increase in donations for 5 years (2020 – 2024), Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor.

The supervisors went over the remaining open items on the preliminary budget for 2020 from the September workshop.

The supervisors discussed selling the brown dump truck and the old mower. Jim Fuller made a motion to sell them both and advertise for bids, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Jeff Smith will get the information on the dump truck and mower for advertising to Vicki.

Jim Fuller made a motion to adjourn the workshop, Jeff Smith second the motion, with all in favor. Workshop adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki L. Jenkins  
Twp. Secretary