

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Bern Township Board of Supervisors held a Budget Workshop on October 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM. All Supervisors were present, along with Brian Potts, Township Manager, Chief Brett Forry, Bobby Turner, Road Foreman and Diane DeJesus, Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Potts presented two balanced general fund budget drafts for 2026.

Draft "A" option included a 0.31 mill tax increase with a fund balance of \$636,410.00 and Draft "B" option included a 0.56 mill tax increase with a fund balance of \$525,330.00. Mr. Potts also explained the reason for the difference in budget amounts is because of the tax collector compensation because of the way we compensate her. This is something the Board might want to consider changing in the future.

Mr. Potts also noted that we would need 0.19 mill for the fire station, so the total tax increase, including the 0.19 mill for Draft "A" is 0.5 mill and Draft "B" is 0.75 mill.

Mr. Potts also reported what the fund balance for 2024 and 2025. At this time Mr. Potts recommended That the Supervisors adopt Draft "B" and that we should implement a tax increase for 2027 as well.

Mr. Potts stated that if Draft "B" is approved for 2026, the total increase since 2017 will be 2.174 mill. The increase since 2017 will be \$217.40 or an average increase of \$21.74 per year for the ten-year period from 2017 to 2026, based on a property assessed at \$100,000.0

The Supervisors also received budget requests from the police and road department. There were a few new line items added in revenue and expenses and an explanation of why these were added.

The light district fee and capital improvement fund tax will be kept the same. A new recycling collection fee of \$105.00 per unit per year and the trash collection fee will change to \$335.0 per unit per year.

Mr. Potts recommended a 0.19 mill increase for fire protection fund and the reason for this is the potential fire company costs for assuming control of the fire station.

Chief Forry and Bobby Turner went over their budgets with the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane DeJesus, Secretary/Treasurer