

Brecknock Township
Board of Supervisors Meeting
December 23, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Brecknock Township Board of Supervisors, Lancaster County that was scheduled for December 23, 2024, was held at the Brecknock Township Building, 1026 Dry Tavern Road, Fivepointville. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Long at 4:00 p.m.

Present were Jerry Long, Andy Baum, Dave Leinbach and Carol Martin.

Community Open session – no one wished to speak.

The special meeting was scheduled to adopt the 2025 Budget.

Jerry stated he doesn't feel the proposed budget with no milage increase meets our cost needs. He feels the fire company needs more money and if they need to implement a fire tax, he feels we failed. He stated that he talked to both fire chiefs, and they need approx. \$125,000 per year in order to meet their needs just for equipment. He stated that he feels we need to increase the milage even if it's a small one.

Andy stated we are increasing the fire companies' donations by \$10,000 for each. He feels that the proposed budget looks and we are in decent shape and feels the proposed budget with no increase is good. He agrees that we need to support our fire companies and feels we are doing a good job at that.

Dave stated that before he came on board as a supervisor, we had a tax milage that brought in 1.3 million and the current proposed budget proposed bringing in 2.7 million which is more than doubled. He stated that he knows things cost a lot more now but feels that we have done a lot of good work on our capital funds and feels we can keep the milage the same as 2024.

At this time Long made a motion to adopt the budget with a 1.1 milage rate. No second so the motion died.

Jerry stated the budget has an inflated employee raise % when the Social Security Cost of Living (COL) was announced at 2.5%. It was stated that the proposed budget was drafted prior to the 2025 COL announcement and was geared on the average of the Lanc County Municipalities proposed average. He also feels if the milage isn't increased no increase should be given to employees.

Motion was made by Baum and second by Leinbach to adopt the 2025 Budget as proposed with no milage increase. Motion was approved, Long voted no.

Community Open session – The reporter present had a few questions regarding the budget and the Board of Supervisors most important responsibilities of the township.

A motion was made by Long and seconded by Baum to adjourn at 4:14 pm. All in favor, motion approved.

Carol L. Martin
Secretary/Treasurer/Admin.