

## Fredenberg Fire Department 2022 Budget

Because of OSHA regulation changes, Fredenberg Fire Department is required to replace SCBAs at a cost of \$63,000. The Fire Department proposes an annual \$21,000 increase for 3 years instead of requesting a lump sum. With the pandemic financially stressing citizens, businesses and the township, it seems more logical to extend a \$21,000 annual increase over 3 years. The increase will be used to replace 9 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) at \$7,000 each.

OSHA has made changes in their standard policies that requires all turn-out gear, coats, bunker pants, helmets, hoods, boots and SCBAs to be within 10 years old to keep standard with technical updates and chemical saturation of turn-out gear. The fire department is trying to replace 4 sets of turn-out gear annually with current budget.

The fire department budget for 2021 is \$78,000. The budget for 2022 would be \$99,000 with \$21,000 of that for replacement of 3 SCBAs.

Applications for grants will also be made to continue to try to cover these expenses. The fire department has been fortunate to receive federal grants in the past, but those processes have also been changed to computer systems giving priority to those departments with highest fires, fire injuries and fire deaths.

Any suggestions are appreciated.

## Levy Proposal For FY2022

				Proposed FY2022 budget				
General Fund	\$ 55,000.00			\$ 70,000.00				
Township Buildings	\$ 15,000.00			\$ 20,000.00				
Fire Department	\$ 99,000.00			\$ 99,000.00				
Cemetery	\$ 1,400.00			\$ 1,400.00				
Parks & Rec	\$ 10,000.00			\$ 10,000.00				
Road & Bridge	\$ 150,000.00			\$150,000.00				
Bond Repayment	\$ 60,700.00			\$ 60,700.00				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 391,100.00</b>			<b>\$411,100.00</b>				

The General Fund amount of \$55,000 is \$13,000 less than budgeted for in FY2021

The Bond Repayment fund is \$1300 less than FY2021.

The Township Building fund is \$15,000 less than FY2021.

The Fire Department fund has an increase of \$21,000 over FY2021.

The Parks & Rec fund has an increase of \$2,000 over FY2021.

All other Fund amounts remain unchanged. The overall impact is a levy proposal which is a reduction of about 1 percent for FY2021.

The Fire Dept. requested an increase on the levy due to OSHA law changes. They will need to replace the SCBA for the department.

This 1 percent reduction in the levy proposal is forecasted to reduce the township's average monthly checking account balance by approximately 1 percent. This balance has been a concern for some citizens of our township and I believe that this course of action takes a conservative step in reducing that balance without jeopardizing our ability to meet our obligations.

When we have an unexpected expense of \$20,000.00 that has to be paid from the general fund, it will reduce our checking account balance about 1%.

The township buildings expenses have on average been about \$17,500.00 so that is why we reduced the proposed levy.

The park & rec budget changed due to a chance to apply for a matching grant to build a new playground for the hall

Pamela Blekestad - Treasurer, Fredenberg Township

## SALARY & WAGES DECEMBER 18, 2019

Annual Supervisor Salary/ 15 meetings	\$1,100.00/year
Board Chairman/ 15 meetings	\$1,200.00/year
Additional hours for supervisor	\$15.00/hour
Treasurer Salary/ 15 meetings	\$1,150.00/year
Additional hours for treasurer	\$20.00/hour
Clerks	\$20.00/hour
Custodian	\$14.00/hour
Recycle attendant	\$14.00/hour
Rink Attendant (as of 12/2/2020)	\$15.00/hour
Road Foreman	\$17.00/hour