

BUDGET WORK SESSION

December 28, 2018

Council President Beverly Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at Meeting

Council President Beverly Wolfe
Council Vice President, Barbara Heffelfinger
Councilman John Stratz
Councilwoman Laura Germain
Councilman Joe Dudash
Councilman Rich Flanagan – via phone
Councilman Mark Moffa –
Mayor Robert Winkler

Also Present

Dave Truelove, Solicitor
Marie Serota, Secretary

Dave Truelove announced that there was an executive session held at 6:00 p.m., all Council was present but Rich Flanagan, personnel, informational and security matters were discussed. The executive meeting concluded at 6:40 p.m.

Mr. Truelove added one item to the agenda:

Consideration to authorize the Mayor and Chief and, if necessary, administration employees, to execute all documents required, to effectuate the purchase of a police vehicle, through COSTARS program (2019 Police Interceptor Utility AVD), pursuant to, and with funds to be received, from a grant recently approved.

Review of 2019 Budget

President Wolfe asked if anyone has a question or comment on the 2019 budget.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT THE 2019 BUDGET AS ADVERTISED FOR REVIEW ON DECEMBER 10, 2018. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. Leo Spadaccino commented that Council should not raise taxes and that new businesses do not want to come into town. President Wolfe explained that Council is holding the line on general purpose and debt service taxes. Fire tax millage will be increased by ½ of a mill as agreed to. The total millage will be 30.8 mills. She met with him after the meeting to explain the millage, budget, and the work Council did this past year. The vote was 6 ayes, 1 no (Rich Flanagan). Motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2018-4 ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 IN THE AMOUNTS OF 24.3 MILLS FOR GENERAL BOROUGH PURPOSES, 3 MILLS FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES AND 3.5 MILLS FOR DEBT SERVICE. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2018-5 AMENDING CHAPTER 322 "SEWERS ARTICLE II – "SEWER RENTS" AMENDING SEWER RENT RATES. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. Leo Spadaccino complained about the businesses on Lincoln Hwy. paying a high sewer rates for empty buildings. Joe Dudash responded that we cannot control the rates Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority charge the borough. The vote was 7 ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO ADOPT ORDINANCE #2018-6 AMENDING CHAPTER 350 "STREETS AND SIDEWALKS" ARTICLE II – "CURBS AND SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION" SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. Leo Spadaccino said there were never curbs and sidewalks on his section of Lincoln Hwy. The vote was 7 ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY JOE DUDASH TO ADOPT REFUSE RESOLUTION #2018-30 REFUSE RATES FOR 2019. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGR. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR, POLICE CHIEF AND, IF AND WHEN NECESSARY, ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES, TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED, TO EFFECTUATE THE PURCHASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE, THROUGH THE COSTARS PROGRAM (2019 POLICE INTERCEPTOR UTILITY AWD), PURSUANT TO, AND WITH FUNDS TO BE RECEIVED, FROM A GRANT RECENTLY APPROVED. SECONDED BY JOE DUDASH. All ayes, motion carried.

John Stratz informed Council that Pothole Killers were in town this past week repairing potholes in the borough.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:30 P.M. SECONDED BY JOE DUDASH. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer