

## BUDGET WORK SESSION

November 14, 2017

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Vice President; Barbara Heffelfinger, John Stratz, Karen Flowers, Beverly Wolfe, Borough Council; and Bob Winkler, Mayor. Rich Flanagan was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kali Sodano at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gianpiero Lo Piccolo distributed an updated 2018 budget with current balances and estimates. Beverly Wolfe disputed the figure of \$423,000.00 in Line #01-301-100; she calculated \$450,000 which she based on projected assessment and \$20,000 for reassessment.

Review of revenues and expenditures in the following funds: General Fund, Sewer Fund, Refuse Fund, Sewer Capital Fund, Debt Service Fund, Fire Tax Fund.

### Suggested Expenditures by Council

New website \$4,000.00

Newsletter \$650.00 per newsletter per quarter plus \$250.00 for Bulk Mail renewal

Pick Up Truck in bad shape (frame rusty)

Ash Borer damaged trees removed at Taddei Woods \$6,000.00

J R Michalski recommends removing twin heaters in borough hall and replace with gas heater

Finance Committee is waiting for 2018 insurance figures from Brown and Brown.

### Discussion on the following matters

Sewer bill rates, litigation uncertainty and Act 537 costs

Possible fire tax increase

Look into a senior refuse rate

Investigate refuse bill on property tax bills

Finance Chairman, Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, would like to review the preliminary 2018 budget on 11/29 and passing the budget on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION BY KALI SODANO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:50 P.M. SECONDED BY KAREN FLOWERS. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer