

BUDGET WORK SESSION

November 26, 2018

Council President Beverly Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 - absent
Councilman Joe Dudash - absent
Councilman Rich Flanagan
Councilman Mark Moffa
Mayor Robert Winkler

Also present

Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

2019 Budget Review

Beverly Wolfe distributed the final preliminary budget.

Capital Improvements:

\$9,500.00 General Fund transfer into Capital Improvement Fund, which includes:
 \$6,500.00 Lease payments on the new police car
 \$3,000.00 Capital upgrade – ballistic vest replacement

Liquid Fuel Fund has a deficiency of \$77,800.00 due to \$63,000.00 for the LED Streetlight Program and \$18,000.00 for Woodland Avenue.

John Stratz added traffic lights already have LED lights, which saves us on those. The street lights will cost a minimum of \$47,700.00; including wire replacement, it will be a minimum of \$63,600.00.

Rich Flanagan asked what the currently tax millage. Beverly gave him the breakdown as follows: General purposes 24.3, fire tax 2.5, debt service 3.5.

Beverly said the 2019 taxes for borough residents will be: Borough 30.80, School District 159.500 and County 24.45.

Council reviewed the Capital Reserve budget.

Rich Flanagan asked about solicitors fees. Beverly explained that she did a detailed assessment of legal bills in 2018. There were a lot of billed items that will not be in the 2019 budget, which includes:

Legacy work – previous solicitor did not provide the necessary information for the change-over to Hill Wallack
Police Chief's Contract

Police Chief search
Refuse contract – conflict council
Road Opening
Zoning/Code Enforcement Contract
PBA Contract

Bev Wolfe said that there was a lot of catching up to do. To date bills totaled \$57,000.00; \$24,00.000 of that was legacy work.

Rich Flanagan discussed the Wawa Project with Beverly Wolfe and asked why she didn't work harder to make it happen. Beverly explained that the problems with the development were not due to anything the borough did or didn't do. The big problem with the project was PennDot issues. The developer is now pursuing something else for the property.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADVERTISE A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL ON DECEMBER 28, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. TO ADOPT THE 2019 BUDGET
SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

Beverly Wolfe brought up the motion Council made at a previous meeting to decrease fire inspection fees for non-profit organizations by one half. She would like Council to consider exempting them completely from inspection fees.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO WAIVE TOTAL FIRE INSPECTION FEES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:20 P.M.
SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer