

BUDGET WORK SESSION

November 29, 2017

Attendees: Kali Sodano, Council President; Gianpiero Lo Piccolo, Vice President; Barbara Heffelfinger, Karen Flowers, Beverly Wolfe, Borough Council; Rich Flanagan and Mayor Bob Winkler arrived late. John Stratz 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. General Fund budget line items that changed were reviewed.

Police Budget

Line item #01-410-360 Utilities was decreased from \$8,500 to \$3,500 based on the 2017 expenditure history. The Mayor is going to check his breakdown of figures on Salaries and Wages #01-410-110, Utilities #01-410-360, Holiday Pay #01-410-149 as requested by Finance Chairman. His projected calculations are lower.

Refuse Fund

The quarterly refuse fee will increase slightly due to the contract increase effective January 2018.

Sewer Fund

Gian would like to decrease the sewer quarterly rate to offset the increase in refuse for 2018 if possible.

There is a live electric line down at the sewer plant property that needs to be removed. An electrician will not touch the line until the overgrowth of trees and brush are taken care of. Gian Lo Piccolo is working on getting quotes for the work, which will be figured into the budget.

Liquid Fuel Fund

The 2018 budget for the Liquid Fuel Fund consists of a \$61,000 state allocation payment and a capital reserve transfer of \$18,000 for the Woodland Avenue repaving, which is Pennel's portion of a project to be done by Middletown Township. The projected year-end fund balance is \$73,000.

Public Comment

Lynda Roe, 391 Walker Avenue, funds to be spent for Taddei Woods, trash and recycle notices, local business advertisements in the newsletter to cut costs.

The next budget meeting will be on December 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION BY GIANPIERO LO PICCOLO TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:47 P.M.
SECONDED BY RICH FLANAGAN. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer