

BUDGET WORK SESSION

November 20, 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 – arrived at 7:56 p.m.
Councilwoman Laura Germain
Councilman Joe Dudash - absent
Councilman Rich Flanagan - absent
Councilman Mark Moffa
Mayor Robert Winkler – arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Also present

Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

Old Business

Discussion on the letter from the Penndel Fire Co. requesting a waiver for fire inspection fees. Beverly Wolfe handed out a summary sheet of fees for fire inspections which included figures for charging all non-profit organizations in the borough half of the fee but still paying the fire marshal 30% of the full amount for the inspection. John Stratz asked if there have been violations at the department. Beverly responded that according to the letter there were. Laura Germain said if our fire marshal uses equipment at the fire house, maybe we should give them a full waiver.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO CHARGE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE BOROUGH ONE HALF OF THE FIRE INSPECTION FEES AND TO PAY THE FIRE MARSHAL 30% OF THE TOTAL FEE. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. The roll call vote was: Mark Moffa yes, Laura Germain no, John Stratz yes, Barbara Heffelfinger yes, Beverly Wolfe yes. 4 ayes, 1 no, motion carried.

2019 Budget

At 8:15 p.m. Council went into executive session to discuss salaries.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO CHANGE CURRENT SALARY SPLITS FOR PART-TIME CLERICAL, PUBIC WORKS, BOROUGH SECRETARY, ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND OVERTIME. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

Mark Moffa and Beverly Wolfe commented that they would like to look at the remainder of breakdown splits for the rest of the budget. John Stratz asked how the splits affect the pipe refit project. Beverly explained that it will come out of the sewer capital budget entirely.

Council made the following changes to the budget:

01-401-110	\$28,710.00
01-400-460	\$ 1,000.00

01-404-314 \$10,000.00
01-406-342 \$ 1,150.00
01-408-310 \$30,000.00

Mayor Winkler made the following changes to the police department budget:

01-410-110 \$275,525.00
01-410-146 \$ 30,250.00
01-410-149 \$ 10,300.00
01-410-180 \$ 4,635.00
01-410-420 \$ 3,500.00
01-410-460 \$ 4,250.00

Council thanked the Mayor for reducing the police department expenses.

Additional changes to the budget:

01-412-530 \$ 1,250.00
01-413-450 \$35,000.00
01-430-110 \$ 3,000.00

Lines added: 01-457-247 \$700.00 for play dates and other expenses
01-457-310 \$1,000.00

01-457-450 \$12,200.00
01-483-196 \$47,000.00
01-486-355 \$ 750.00

After reductions were made, the revenue total was \$859,620.00, expense totals \$869,248.00; the difference is \$9,628.00.

There was discussion on the playground equipment donation that the rec. board was offered. John Stratz said if we accept the equipment, the amount of playground mulch will have to be doubles. Beverly Wolfe said we would need to create a supplementary area to adhere to regulations. Laura Germain commented we could use the canopy for shade. Beverly Wolfe added that we don't have the space for it.

Beverly Wolfe shared with Council Middletown Township's budget for 2019, which includes a list of 2018 accomplishments and 2019 goals for each committee. She would like for our committees to do the same.

Council will have a special meeting on December 10th at 7:00 p.m. to review the refuse budget after the bids have been opened. Another special meeting to adopt the 2019 budget on December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M. AND DECEMBER 21, 2018 AT 6:00 P.M. SPECIAL MEETINGS.
SECONDED BY LAURA GERMAIN. All ayes, motion carried.

John Stratz said on Monday at 8:30 a.m. there will be a meeting with KLS Lighting for one on one questions/information on the street lighting project.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:50 P.M. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer