

BUDGET WORK SESSION

October 24, 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
Mayor Robert Winkler
Councilman Joe Dudash
Councilman Rich Flanagan – left at 8:44 p.m.
Councilman Mark Moffa

Also present

Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

Refuse

Joe Dudash explained the timeline of events for the refuse contract. Bid deadline and opening is 12/10/18. After attorney's review the awarding of the bid will be 12/17/18. According to borough code the bids cannot exceed a 3% increase from the current contract, which is \$844,567.20. Three percent for five years will be \$875,500.00. John Stratz said that China is incinerating their recyclables. Mr. Dudash said the contractor will need to tell us how to deal with plastics so we can educate residents. There is e-waste collection included in the bid specifications.

Beverly Wolfe reviewed revenue and expenses of the 2018 refuse budget. Salary split by funds is 55/35/10. Currently total revenues \$198,000, expenses \$201,059, which leaves a deficit of \$3,509.

Executive session on litigation was moved up on the agenda at 8:07 p.m. to accommodate Rich Flanagan and ended at 8:35 p.m.

Ordinance

Mark Moffa received an estimate for \$785.00 for ordinance codification passed so far this year. He estimated there will be five ordinances adopted total by year end. He would like to budget \$2,000 for codification and \$1,000 for advertisement costs.

Rich Flanagan left at 8:44 p.m.

Building & Maintenance

Joe Dudash has a total for expenditures for capital reserve \$10,000 and \$4,000 in expenditures to come out of the general fund. Grass quote from Burcz Landscaping is the lowest from May to October for \$1,721.00. Weekly lawn cutting which includes trimming and edging of the police department, war memorial, both entrances to Taddei Woods, both pump stations and the sewer plant. Weekly \$192.00, annual total \$4,608.00. Mulching and trimming twice a year at \$960.00 totaling \$1,920.00. Mulch can be purchased through Lower Makefield. Anthony Diaz can pick

up the mulch in the dump truck and spread it also. He can take care of weed control with a solution of white vinegar, Dawn dish soap and salt. Estimated cost of chemicals and mulch is \$300.00. John Stratz will trim the bushes.

Line 01-409-110 Salaries & Wages	\$5,200
01-409-220 Operating Supplies	\$ 2,000
01-409-360 Utilities	\$ 6,000
01-409-373 Maintenance & Repair	\$ 5,500
01-409-450 Contracted Services	\$ 8,060
Total	\$26,760

Replacement of borough hall roof will cost \$20,000. \$7,000 from the 2018 budget will be earmarked for 2019 roof replacement. \$13,000 additional will be budgeted in 2019.

Discussion on Capital Reserve Funds. A loan for \$500,000 was taken out in 2012 to pay for Park Avenue/LeGrande Avenue invoices and submitted then we were reimbursed with grant funds. We continue to pay off the loan.

Bev reported that the borough assessment is up a bit. In 2019 one mill is worth \$17,790.78.

Motion Items

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLABLE MATERIALS FOR A THIRTY SIX MONTH , FORTY EIGHT MONTH OR SIXTY MONTH CONTRACT. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL BUDGET MEETING DATES: 11/12/18, 11/14/18, 11/20/18, 11/26/18. SECONDED BY JOE DUDASH. All ayes, motion carried.

All budget meetings will be at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Winkler

The Mayor requested that he and the borough secretary attend a conference held by the Municipal League in Lafayette Hills on 11/14.

Mayor Winkler

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH SECRETARY TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE AT LAFAYETTE HILL ON 11/14 FOR \$100.00 SECONDED BY JOE DUDASH. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:07 P.M. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer