

SPECIAL MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL

Held in Council Chambers, 35 Union St., Morrisville, Pa 19067
Wednesday, November 16, 2011 (7:02 p.m.)

Roll Call: Those in attendance: Borough Council Vice President, Kathryn Panzitta, Council members: Victor Cicero, Eileen Dreisbach, Fred Kerner, Nancy Sherlock, and Tom H. Bates, Jr., Borough Manager.

Absent: Council President David Rivella, Councilwoman Rhonda Davis, Councilman Todd Sanford, and Mayor Rita Ledger.

Council-Elect Debbie Smith and Jeff Johnson were also present.

The purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the tentative 2012 Budget, and any other business which may properly come before Borough Council.

Councilman Todd Sanford arrived at approximately 7:09 p.m.

The first order of business was a motion made by Mrs. Sherlock (and seconded) to approve the Winterfest Parade route as per the letter from Robin Reithmeyer – contingent upon the Police Chief's recommendation. Motion carried 6-0.

At this time Mr. Sanford asked about the copy machines; he believes that we should lease them. Mr. Bates told him that we do have contracts on all of our machines.

The following items were noted and/or discussed relating to the proposed Budget:

- The Park Ranger's salary was mentioned; he was not used much and we budgeted for him. Tom Bates will look into it to see if he was owed any money.
- No changes were made to the budget since our previous session held last evening.
- The budget includes 3% increases to the non-uniformed employees per contract.
- Tom Bates is going to check on the amount for police uniforms; there is a \$500 difference between the budget line and the contracted amounts.
- Under police phones, the costs are going up; they are higher than past years. More phone (air) cards and there are three new phones are the reasons.
- Tom mentioned the 4 locations where he will be allocating the money for the Code Enforcement car.
- The Library Fund was over budget more than \$8,000 this year; we needed to increase the fund.
- Under Library Fund building maintenance, we will need more money to complete the back porch project so \$4,000 was added over last year's budget.
- Sinking Fund: The final payment for the 2002 Capital Improvement Loan will be made next year.
- More money was added to the pension retirement fund; (Note: all full-time officers are now on 3-year salary tier which is a bump-up.

- We received word that we will be receiving \$20,000 (maybe more) less in State Highway monies due to the new census numbers which they say are lower than 2000.
- More money was added to storm materials and storm damages. We were hit with some expensive costs last year related to wind and rain.

A motion was made by Victor Cicero (and seconded) to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by: Dorothy Gaydula, Borough Secretary

Notes on personnel discussions: Mr. Bates distributed the personnel wage data which was reviewed by Borough Council with no changes. Raises are in order for all employees in Public Works, the Library, the Borough Administration, and the Borough-appointed positions. Councilwoman Kathryn Panzitta stated she was happy that the wages were already included in the 2012 Budget and thanked the Borough Manager, to which Councilwoman Nancy Sherlock agreed. No other comments were made.