



The Morrisville Borough Council met on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Morrisville Municipal Building, 35 Union Street, Morrisville, PA for a Budget Meeting.

Those in Attendance:

Borough Council: Ted Parker, President (via Zoom)
Bob Paul, Vice President (via Zoom)
Justin Bowers (via Zoom)
Helen Hlahol
Scott Robinson
Nancy Sherlock (via Zoom)
Michael Yager (via Zoom)

Borough Officials: Scott Mitchell, Borough Manager
Micah Heitz, Finance Director

Not in Attendance: Dave Rivella, Mayor

Mr. Parker stated, I had spoken with the Borough Manager to have him take a really good look at the budget and try to find some way for reductions and to spread it out as gently as possible throughout the entire budget. At that point, I will leave it up to you Mr. Mitchell as to what you did.

Mr. Mitchell stated, what we did essentially we spread the pain around over various funds. On the general fund side, we're replenishing funding in the line for extra part

time police officers from last year and we are still replenishing, but we're replenishing a lesser amount, so we'll try to replenish more next year. We also cut down a reserve line item in that budget as well and that brought the anticipated millage increase for the general fund to 3.35 mills and we reduced the millage increase proposed for the public library by half a mill, so that's now at 3.50 mills, and we did the same thing with the streets fund. So those changes combined leaves us at a proposed millage increase of 6 mills.

ACTION ITEMS

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the 2021 Proposed Budget. No official action was taken.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

1. Jane Burger – *90 West Maple Avenue*

She stated, I missed hearing the changes in the increases. The general fund in now 3 ½ mills and the Library is a ½ a mill, but I didn't catch the increase for the street fund.

Mr. Mitchell stated, here you go Jane. If you have a pen handy, I'll read them off to you. The general fund is 3.35 mills, streets fund is ½ a mill, rec fund is the same .85 mills, library fund is a ½ a mill and street lighting fund is the same at .8 mills.

Ms. Burger stated, that gets us to 6, thank you. Ted, I am a member of the MMA, I am certainly not speaking in an official capacity, but if the Borough wants to through Scott send a letter requesting an increase – having budgets are one thing but it would be very helpful to the MMA to also have a list of the expenditures two or three years documented. With the new systems we're going through AMI, it will be easier on both sides, because we have it as well to document the actual cost for doing things because we certainly do want to pay our fair share for the services

that are being provided by the Borough to the MMA. I remember when on Council doing the letter that got you from 5 to 600,000 or something way back when, so we certainly are as Ted said, willing to listen as long as you have costs in some sort of order to show what it actually cost to provide this service to the MMA, I'm sure we would be glad to look at it and come to an agreement and perhaps somebody mentioned the service agreement, that may be a time to also look at that as well in terms of clarifying what is done by the Borough for the MMA as part of those funds for the agreement and there could be some other additional administrative costs that we might want to work on. Thank you.

Mr. Mitchell stated, sure, and actually so you are aware Jane, as part of the service agreement in accordance with its terms, the Borough provides the MMA with that financial data on a yearly basis and actually I think it was last year or the year before, we agreed that upon their request, we'll provide it to them on a quarterly basis and we've done that quite a few times, I don't know if we still are, are we? Yes, so Beth gets that.

Ms. Burger replied, thank you. I'll be asking for that.

There being that no one else wished to speak, public comment portion was closed.

Ms. Sherlock stated, back to reports for a moment. We see that on the regular monthly financial, it will show you how our water fund is going. That's another way that we continually track it.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Parker stated, does anyone else want to add anything? Otherwise we'll adjourn for tonight.

Ms. Sherlock stated, I'll make that motion.

Mr. Parker stated, I don't think we need a motion. We'll just close it out.

Meeting adjourned 7:20 p.m.