



Borough Council Minutes  
2023 Budget Hearing  
December 13, 2022  
7:15 pm

- Call to Order, Salute to the Flag and Roll Call 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	P	Fire Department: Helms/Kowinski	P
Mr. Dave Clark Vice President	A	Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	A	Mr. Greg Myer Treasurer	P	Mr. Eric Stewart EPRP Asst Chief	A
Mr. Dayne Losee Councilman	P	Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector	A	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Recreation	P
Mrs. Janet Clark Mayor	A	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Mr. Tom Olver EMA	A	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office/Park Mgr	A

Public in attendance: approximately 12 members of the public present.

President's Remarks:

Proposed 2023 Budget Ordinance and 2023 Tax Levy Ordinance:

Tax rate for General purposes, the sum of	32.5 mills
Tax rate for Fire Dept. purposes, the sum of	4.0 mills
Tax rate for Street Improvement purposes, the sum of	2.00 mills
Tax rate for Recreation purposes, the sum of	3.00 mills
Tax rate for Lighting purposes, the sum of	3.70 mills
Tax rate for Debt Service purposes, the sum of	1.00 mills
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46.2 mills</b>

President Kudrich noted the tax rate for the Fire Department is 4 mils. The Borough gives the Fire Department a maximum of 3 mils. There was a referendum on the ballot that the public voted in favor of, thereby raising the total millage to 4.

The Borough reduced the budget by 1 mill. The total budget millage, with the Fire Department increase and the Borough reduction, resulted in no increase or decrease of the millage from last year.

Public notice was published on November 17, 2022; the budget was advertised as being available for public review in the office from November 17, 2022 through December 13, 2022.

President Kudrich noted that the millage for 2023 is \$19,612; last year the millage was \$19,470.

Public Comment:

Mark Madsen 801 Ave M congratulated the Fire Department and noted that the additional millage for the fire department was lumped together in one account. The proceeds from the addition millage were included in the Operation and Equipment. The letters that were sent out to the taxpayers had a detailed list of equipment needed. Will the money generated from the increased mill be used to purchase

equipment? Is there going to be a breakdown of general ledger 411.750 to show the equipment purchased? Is there any oversight for taxpayer dollars? The Fire Department has two budgets, fundraising and tax dollars. Council is supposed to be responsible for the tax dollars. Last year the Borough gave the Fire Department a tax anticipation note because the department ran out of money and needed funds to get through the last quarter of the year. So, if we are paying the bills, how do they run out of money? Discussion ensued; it was recommended by Mr. Alessandra that Chief Long present a budget to show where that money is allocated for by the next meeting.

Betty Riggs 700 PA Ave: Q: Is there a printed copy of the budget and does it include the Wade Trust Fund? R: Yes, there is a printed copy of the budget, no, it does not include the Trust Fund. Q: Do you have accounting of how the money was spent? Does it show money spent at Veterans Park? R: Yes, the money is accounted for, there was no money spent at Veterans Park this year. If money has been spent, it would have been accounted for. Mrs. Riggs made a reference to Joann Featherman and "a trip to the attic", council and the solicitor were puzzled as to the meaning of that comment.

There were no further comments from the public, the proposed ordinances will be considered for adoption at the regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council which follows at 7:30 p.m.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

President Kudrich adjourned the hearing at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown  
Borough Secretary