



Borough Budget Meeting #2 Minutes
 October 9, 2024
 7:00 pm

Call to Order, Salute to the Flag. 7:00

Mr. Eric Kudrich President	P	Mr. Harry Prey Councilman	P	Mr. Jason Ohliger Solicitor	A	Chief Todd Kowinsky Fire Department	A
Mr. Mark Madsen Vice President	P	Mrs. Lisa Salvato Councilwoman	P	Mr. Scott Myer Treasurer	A	Lt. Pflanz Eastern Pike Regional Police	A
Mr. Sean Alessandra Councilman	P	Mr. Cory Homer Mayor	A	Ms. Amy Turner Tax Collector A	A	Mr. Shawn Bolles Zoning/Code Enforcement Office/Park Mgr	A
Mr. John Bush Jr Councilman	P	Ms. Shannon O'Leary Junior Council	A	Mr. Tom Olver A EMA	A		
Mr. Jon Maney Councilman	P	Mr. Nathaniel Carso Junior Council	A				

1 member of the public was present.

President's Remarks: The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the 2025 Budget. This workshop was advertised in the Pike County Dispatch on December 21, 2023.

The General Government budget review was the focus of tonight's meeting. Mr. Madsen adjusted the budget numbers. The current (2024) General Government mil is 32.5 and will be reduced to 30 mils in 2025. Employee names were removed from the Public Works section. The treasurer fee was adjusted and now includes the accounting service fees for Recreation. This line item decreased due to the new procedure of the borough secretary paying invoices and making deposits. Line 402.420 Subscriptions & membership was increased to include Go Daddy and QuickBooks memberships. \$2,000 for the email domain was added. Line 401.05 was added with a \$2,500 budget for the mayor.

Revenue line 361.750 Garbage/Dump Day was brought down to \$0.00. There will not be a charge for spring cleanup this year. Instead, 2 (two) coupons will be available to residents who wish to participate. Details will be ironed out.

409.366 Pedestrian Light Repair (General Govt Building) is shown on line 434.00 labeled "Lighting (new deductible)" and was allotted \$2,500. Zoning Officer salary is now fully captured under General Government, no longer split with Recreation. Line 413.450 Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor was adjusted to add \$1,000 and the Planning Board Solicitor was adjusted to \$5,000.

The Council spent significant time and attention reviewing and discussing the various General Government line items. Out-of-date line items will be removed.

Other topics relating to finance that were discussed were as follows:

Lisa Salvato explained that she had a meeting with Scott Myer regarding the expenditure of the Covid funds. There is no timeline or need to earmark the funds for a specific project due to the small amount of funding we received. Mrs. Salvato and Mr. Myer will continue to explore the rules regarding the expenditure of funding.

There was also a discussion regarding the Firefly Park contribution Mr. Biondo offered at the last council meeting. Mr. Biondo offered a \$10,000 contribution to Firefly Park with conditions relating to the entry fee and implementing an arts and craft program. The park would lose estimated revenue of \$3,500 by not

collecting an entry fee and Mr. Biondo proposed hiring a college student at a rate of pay higher than what we pay our DPW employees. This knocks the donation to close to around \$3k. The splashpad water maintenance is \$2,500. Some members of the Council thought that a counteroffer should be considered before accepting this offer, Mr. Maney's position is that it is an extra bonus that he would be happy to accept. It appeared the Council agreed that the rate of pay for the student hired for the arts and craft program would need to be renegotiated.

Public Comment:

Pam Conklin 402 Ave M stated that she would be interested in the position overseeing the arts and crafts program.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 by Mark Madsen/Jon Maney. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Marianne Brown
Borough Secretary