

BUDGET WORKSHOP

President Becker called the 2017 budget workshop to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 31, 2016, in Borough Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 21 Locust Street, Macungie, PA. Council Members in attendance were Alma Akinjiola, Chris Becker, Roseann Schleicher and John Yerman. Council Members David Boyko Greg Hutchison, and Marvin Moyer were absent. Also present were Borough Manager Chris Boehm, Mayor Gary Cordner, and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Hartzell.

President Becker commented he would like to keep budget discussions at the budget workshops and not during the regular meetings as a Council Member has requested. President Becker remarked to a comment from Borough Manager Boehm that Macungie Fire Department is applying for a grant to house the police department in the same building.

Council discussed the general budget. There was discussion about making the budget easier to read and to be able to show the residents what was increased like streets or police.

Borough Manager Boehm reviewed the sewer budget by starting with the expenses. That led to a discussion about the sewer capital projects and revising the sewer ordinance to include inspections of the private sewer laterals to eliminate infiltration into the sewer system. Council discussed taking out a loan for the capital projects. Council decided to apply for a loan for the sewer capital projects and the fee will be noted separately on the utility bill instead of being incorporated in the sewer rate. Council discussed hiring an engineer for the engineering and managing of the sewer projects. Borough Manager Boehm will start the process to get the loan and create an RFP for an engineer.

Borough Manager Boehm reviewed the Liquid Fuels fund budget. She was working toward having enough funds in the Liquid Fuel budget to purchase a backhoe.

Borough Manager Boehm reviewed the updated general fund budget and noted the additional documents, one being the rental rates for the Macungie Institute. One change in the budget she noted was adjusting the Sergeant's wages for his position as Officer in Charge that was taken from the Police Chief's wages. She provided the recommendation from the Macungie Institute Board of Trustees to increase the rental rates. Council discussed the deficit that the Macungie Institute carries. Council requested an action plan from Macungie Institute Building Coordinator Holt by the end of January.

Adjournment

At 8:56 p.m. Borough Council recessed the budget workshop until November 7, 2016 at 6:00 pm prior to the regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell  
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