

**Special Council Meeting  
December 19, 2016 6:00 p.m.**

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council was held 6:00 p.m. Monday at the borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street, Lansford.

The meeting was called to order by President Martin Ditsky at 6:07 p.m. The group waited for Jared Soto who sent a message that he may be late and upon his arrival the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken by Secretary Treasurer Jill Seigendall. Attending were Martin Ditsky, Rose Mary Cannon, Matthew Walsh, and Joe Butrie. Absent were Mayor James Romankow, Colin Jones, John Turcmanovich and Solicitor Michael Greek.

Four people were in the audience: Christopher Ondrus, Bob Silver and 2 Marian High School seniors named Brenna & Mackenzie.

**Bid Opening**

There was one bid for antiskid from Pottsville Materials, Pottsville PA. Its bid is 500 tons at a unit price of \$13.60 total \$6,800 or unit price to be delivered \$22.75 for a total price \$ 11,375.00. The bid bond was enclosed. There was discussion about the terms of the bid. **A Motion was made by Rose Mary Cannon to accept the bid, second by Martin Ditsky, all were in favor, motion passed.**

**Public Courtesy**

Bob Silver, 17 E Ridge Street, voiced opposition to the rules of public courtesy which require the speaker to stand and keep remarks to 3 minutes. He asked to speak longer, seated, and spoke in opposition of approving the proposed 2017 budget that includes a 1 mill increase (to general fund) to be considered at tonight's meeting and at one point called it a "smoke & mirror" budget. He disapproved of the fact that the budget is not balanced, does not include carryover from the previous year, and does not itemize individual expenses for each employee (such as insurance, healthcare, IRA etc.)

Chris Ondrus, 10 Edgemont Road, reiterated Bob Silver's points. Both Bob Silver and Chris Ondrus left the meeting following their remarks.

**2017 Proposed Budget**

Council discussed the proposed budget and considered the public remarks. **Motion to approve the 2017 Proposed Budget was made by Rose Mary Cannon, second by Jared Soto. On roll call vote in favor of the motion was Rose Mary Cannon, Jared Soto and Matthew Walsh, opposed were Joe Butrie & Martin Ditsky. The motion passed.**

Ordinance 2016-11, 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance, totaling 34.53 mills was considered. The ordinance shows a 1 mill increase to general purposes over last year's Tax Levy. The breakdown is as follows:

General Purposes	28.00 mills
Debt purposes	1.40 mills
Park & Recreation	1.02 mills
Fire Protection	1.00 mills
Lighting	2.61 mills
Pension	.50 mills

**Rose Mary Cannon made a motion to adopt the 2017 Tax Levy Ordinance, second by Jared Soto. On roll call vote, in favor was Rose Mary Cannon, Jared Soto & Matthew Walsh, opposed were Joe Butrie and Martin Ditsky. The motion passed.**

Martin Ditsky reported to council that the public work's air compressor is broken and prices are being sought for a new one.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Matthew Walsh, Second by Jared Soto at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jill Seigendall*