

**Lansford Borough Council
Special Budget Meeting
December 10, 2018**

Call to Order

A special meeting of Lansford Borough Council was held 6:00 p.m. December 10, 2018, at borough hall, 1 W. Ridge Street, Lansford, to discuss the proposed 2019 borough budget. The meeting was called to order by President Jared Soto and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Rollcall was taken by secretary treasurer Jill Seigendall with the following council members present: John Turcmanovich, Bruce Markovich, Joseph Butrie, Jared Soto, Bob Silver, Marie Ondrus, and Irma Leibensperger. Absent were Mayor James Romankow and Solicitor Michael Greek. About six people were in the audience; one resident, a public works employee and four police officers.

Public Courtesy

There were no comments in regard to the proposed budget.

Business

2019 Proposed Budget - Jared Soto reviewed the proposed budget and handed out a written summary of items considered when creating the budget. The most recent Year to Date Budget vs. Actual Reports was used as well as tax assessment summary reports from Carbon County.

Jared Soto recommended council review the current Borough Fee Schedule and make changes for 2019. Bruce Markovich said he needs an assessment of what the borough's cost is for each of the fees on the schedule. Bob Silver recommends raising the Zoning Hearing fee; the borough should not be losing money on Zoning Hearings or building inspections. Joe Butrie recommended raising the building inspection re-inspection fee.

There was discussion about hiring a borough manager, solicitor's fees, meters in the business district, street signs, crossing guards, bus stops and starting a Capital Projects Fund or Demolition Fund.

Bob Silver wanted to balance the budget and questioned why the 2019 proposed budget percentage of uncollectible real estate taxes was increased to 20% instead of remaining at the 2018 rate of 15%. There was discussion whether to use a different percentage for only the General Fund or for all funds. The percentage was changed to 16% for the General Fund.

Bruce Markovich had questions about the Sanitation Delinquents. Joseph Butrie said the sanitation delinquent accounts going for collections to Powell Rogers and Speaks collection Agency should be changed to another collection agency because receipts from them are low.

Bob Silver had questions about Residential Rental Licenses Delinquent Accounts and the procedures to collect those monies.

There was discussion about the secretary/treasurer and assistant secretary/treasurer conditions of employment and the associated Wage Resolution for 2019.

Proposed 2019 Budget with no millage increase					
	RECAP OF ALL FUNDS	Income	Expense	Profit or Loss	Millage
01	General Fund & Pol Pension	1,584,376.00	1,598,548.00	-14,172.00	30.50
02	Street Light Fund	89,260.00	89,260.00	0.00	2.81
03	Fire Tax Fund	31,798.00	35,070.00	-3,272.00	1.00
04	Park & Rec Fund	11,796.00	30,796.00	-19,000.00	0.25
09	Sanitation Fund	321,140.00	321,140.00	0.00	0.00
10	LST Fund	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00	0.00
18	Sewer Transmission Fund	262,312.00	262,312.00	0.00	1.28
35	Hi-way Fund	121,130.00	127,200.00	-6,070.00	0.00
	TOTAL	2,434,312.00	2,476,826.00	-42,514.00	35.84

- **Tax Levy Ordinance** – the proposed Tax Levy Ordinance 2018-02, keeping the millage at 35.84 mills for 2019 was reviewed.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:07 p.m. by Bob Silver, second by John Turcmanovich, and everyone disbursed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall
Secretary Treasurer