

A Budget meeting was held by Lansford Borough Council at 4:00 p.m. on November 10, 2020 at borough hall.

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance** – led by President Bruce Markovich.

**Roll Call:** Attending council persons: John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Bruce Markovich, Bob Silver, and Gwyneth Collevchio. Marie Ondrus, Martin Ditsky and Mayor Michele Bartek were absent.

The latest tax assessment recap report was received from Carbon County Assessment on 11/6/2020.

Assessment Recap 10/2/2020	\$32,541,343
Assessment Recap 11/6/2020	<u>\$32,569,804</u>
	\$ 28,461 increase

Based on the 11/6/2020 Assessment recap, 1 mill = \$32,570.00. Only about 80% is usually collected or \$26,056.00.

Assessment Recap used in last year's budget preparation was from 10/3/2019 \$32,689,547  
1 mill = \$32,690.00, 80% is \$26,152.00.

The \$119,743.00 reduction between 2019 & 2020 will be compensated in the 2021 Budget by using the 20% uncollectible for all funds; (2020 General Fund Budget used at 16% uncollectible). Additionally, a \$100,000.00 loss in the Sewer Transmission Fund is anticipated.

Each council person was given a spreadsheet of proposed income and expenses for each line item in the proposed 2021 Budget for all funds. The spreadsheet included .50 mill increases in the fire fund, allocated due to COVID-19 and a .50 mill increase in the park and recreation fund allocated for park maintenance with \$12,000.00 budgeted for part time salaries to be transferred to the general fund.

**Items of Discussion:**

**Sewer Transmission Fund** - In the sewer transmission fund, costs were included for Flow Meter invoices from the Sewer Authority and the 400 E. Snyder Street sewer project loan payments. Repair and maintenance expected cost is \$10,000.00 for inlet replacement. No engineering fees are expected.

**Highway Liquid Fuels Fund** – The 2021 Allocation letter was for \$109,000.00 however the borough usually receives more (\$120,004.00 in 2020) so \$117,000.00 will be in the proposed budget and snow removal will reduced to \$8,000.00. (Hoping for a mild winter) Salary reimbursement to pub works will be \$15,000.00. The equipment portion estimated \$16,800.00, may be used for a truck down payment.

**Park & Recreation** – Salaries should be included to reimburse the general fund for public work's wages, or a part time summer help wages \$12,993.00. There was discussion about raising millage .50 a mill to cover the cost.

**Sanitation Fund** – No reimbursement of Assistant Secretary/Treasurer's wages in proposed budget.

**LST Fund** – Reduced by \$500.00 because of reduction in amount received this year.

- Discussion about costs to build the borough garage and funds affected

Special Budget Meeting

- Sewer repair (200 feet) and resurfacing of 300 Block of E. Bertsch Street estimate is 1.6 million for entire block.
- Scope sewer and resurfacing 300 block of E. Ridge Street
- Discussion about streetscape project
- Railroad commission check has not been received this year.
- Cable TV Franchise - 2001 Resolution shows 2% rate

No future budget meetings are scheduled.

**By Motion of Bob Silver, second by William Chuma, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jill Seigendall*

Secretary Treasurer