

LANSFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Special Budget Meeting

November 18, 2019 6:00 p.m. 1 W. Ridge Street, Lansford, PA 18232

Call to Order by President Jared Soto at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

Council persons attending: Bruce Markovich, Jared Soto, Bob Silver, and Irma Leibensperger. Absent were John Turcmanovich, William Chuma, Marie Ondrus, Mayor James Romankow and Attorney Greek.

No one was in the audience, no comments for Public Courtesy.

Each council person was given a draft of the proposed 2020 budget compared to the 2019 borough budget. The proposed budget was based on the borough assessment recap report from October 2018 \$32,580,320. The October 2019 assessment is \$32,689,547 and the assumption was that it would be prudent to use the lower figure. The proposed balanced budget has no millage increase. An increase in Sanitation fee from \$55.00 per quarter to \$60.00 per quarter was included in the proposed budget.

Items to Note:

General Fund: Uncollectible Real Estate Taxes (account 0130110) was reduced from 20% (used in all other funds) to 16%, same as in 2019.

Highway Liquid Fuels: In an effort to have more money dedicated to repairing highways, the amount to transfer from Highway Liquid Fuels to reimburse public work's department wages (account 3543011) was reduced from \$30,000.00 to \$16,400.00.

- \$ 30,000.00 needed to reimburse public work's wages
- 16,400.00 included in Highway Liquid Fuels expense account 3543011
- \$13,600.00 to be expensed from other funds
- 6,000.00 included in Park & Recreation Fund expense account 0445218
- 7,600.00 included in Sewer Transmission Fund expense account 1843625

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Park & Recreation Fund: Shows an overall loss of \$6,920.00. This is a result of adding \$6,000.00 (account 0445218) expense to reimburse public works department workers for time spent working at the parks.

Sewer Transmission Fund: Shows an overall profit of \$6,920.00. A result of including \$10,000.00 (account 1843625) expense to reimburse public works department workers for time spent working on Sewers.

Sanitation Fund: Solicitor (account 427311) and Legal Fees (account 427311) increased with the assumption that the borough will continue to impose liens and civil suits on delinquent accounts. (instead of using a collection agency)

Fire Fund: The fund will be reviewed before the next meeting to see whether funds will be available for donation.

A Motion was made by Bob Silver to tentatively adopt and advertise the proposed 2020 Lansford Borough Budget. The Motion was second by Bruce Markovich. All were in favor, Motion passed.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Jared Soto, second by Bob Silver and everyone dispersed at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Seigendall

Secretary Treasurer