

Budget Meeting Minutes

October 29th, 2024

The October 29th, 2024 Budget Meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by President Bruce Markovich at the Lansford Borough Town Hall, 1 West Ridge Street, Lansford, Pennsylvania. The meeting was attended by Council Man Joseph Butrie, Council Woman Gwyneth Collevechio, President Bruce Markovich, Council Woman Jennifer Staines, and Borough Accountant Lacey Gonzales.

President Pro Tempore Michele Bartek was not physically at the meeting but was in attendance by a voice call.

Council Man Jay Doyle, Council Man Jack Soberick, and Mayor Hugh Vrablic were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about an email that was received from Leighton Ambulance asking if a donation could be made from the upcoming budget.

Council discussed the Leighton Ambulance.

Gwyneth Collevechio stated Michele Bartek called, and that Michele wanted to be present for the meeting through a voice call.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about how council can donate from the LST Fund if they desire.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the packets there were given to council.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about budget line items that are under and over budget.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the buildings budget line item.

Lacey Gonzales inquired of council about any expenses for the Borough Garage.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the repairs and maintenance budget line item.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about what contracted services is.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the police budget line items.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the police salary budget line items.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the vehicle fuel budget line item.

Denise Leibensperger of 164 West Ridge Street inquired about if the police vehicle was under a different tax.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the postage cost for sanitation and sewage transmission.

Denise Leibensperger stated she feels there should be a full-time and a part-time secretary not two full-time secretaries.

Bruce Markovich spoke about how the rental process may have to come back in-house due to the money that is being lost and how that would cover the secretary salary.

Denise Leibensperger spoke about the need for police officers.

Chief Kyle Woodward spoke about the police budget line items and where he feels reductions could happen.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the training and uniform allowance budget line items.

Denise Leibensperger spoke about how she feels council should either re-evaluate property taxes or start charging occupational tax.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the amount of people in the borough that work and the amount of people retiring.

Lacey Gonzales confirmed with council about the police budget line items amounts.

Lacey Gonzales emphasized to council that currently the borough can not afford more police officers.

Gwyneth Collevchio inquired about professional services in the police budget line items.

Denise Leibensperger stated that she feels the public safety chair should be doing grants for the police.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the officer salary and hours worked.

Denise Leibensperger inquired about the interest on the CD's.

Denise Leibensperger inquired about the railroad money.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the code enforcement budget line item.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the zoning budget line items.

Lacey Gonzales inquired from Michele Bartek if the drug task force is going to be budgeted.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the fee schedule and how the amounts need to be increased to cover cost.

Secretary/Treasurer Maria Ahner spoke about the current processing procedure with moving permits and the amount of time spent on them.

Denise Leibensperger spoke about how she feels landlords should be accountable for moving permits.

Joseph Butrie spoke about the difficulties that come with enforcing landlords to be accountable with moving permits.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the zoning budget line item.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the public safety budget line item.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the public works budget line item.

Lacey Gonzales spoke about the public works salaries budget line item.

Denise Leibensperger inquired about the borough office health care budget line item.

Council discussed health care cost.

Joseph Butrie left the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 5:54p.m due to lack of quorum.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ashley McLaughlin

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer