

Minutes– November 20, 2019 (Budget Work Session)

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday November 20th, 2019 in the Municipal Building at 338 Main St. McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with Patricia McKim-Bortner presiding.

Present on roll call were the following members of council constituting a quorum: Patricia D. McKim-Bortner, Joseph E. VonSas, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes, Lisa B. Koontz, Robert D. Niedererr, and Stephen J. Pascoe. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Scott J. Cook (Borough Manager) and Gerald C. Walmer (Secretary/Treasurer.) Robert Campbell, Esq. (Solicitor,) Anthony J. Weaver (Mayor,) and Michael F. Woods (Chief of Police) were absent from the meeting.

The meeting was advertised and a notice was posted in the office window.

Manager Cook, in reviewing the proposed budget, highlighted expected revenues and expenses for the upcoming fiscal year of 2020.

Councilmember Vonsas inquired about a proposed increase in the non-uniform life insurance policy. Manager Cook explained that the current carrier was unable to provide increased coverage due to the fact that they no longer accept clients with few than ten employees.

Manger Cook asked members of Council if money should be added to the budget for an additional clerk for the office. After discussion of the matter, Borough Council decided to revisit the matter next year.

Discussion regarding a software upgrade for garbage billing took place. Secretary/Treasurer Walmer outlined difficulties related to the existing billing software and stated that it was no longer supported since it was developed in the 1980's or 1990's. Council agreed to keep the request in the budget.

A replacement police vehicle for 2020 was requested and accepted by Borough Council. Money for an additional administrative assistant to work approximately twenty-four hours a week was denied. Additional budgetary allocations for police overtime pay was also denied by Borough Council.

Payoff for the sewer upgrade to Hanover Borough is expected to be paid-off in fiscal year 2020. Borough Council noted the need to have sufficient funds in the future for sewer maintenance and upgrades within the Borough.

Highway Aid funds for the milling and repaving of a portion of S. Fifth St. and N. Third St. would be necessary in fiscal year 2020 according to Manager Cook.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Bill Smith asked about waste collection wages and fringes. Manager Cook explained that those costs related to Public Works employees' time to pick up large items within the Borough.

A motion was moved by Councilmember Forbes to advertise the budget and was seconded by

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Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

Manager Cook presented a letter of recognition to outgoing Council President Patricia McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 7:57 on a motion made by Councilmember Forbes and seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries.

Gerald C. Walmer
Borough Secretary