

December 6, 2018

The Special Meeting of the Lehighon Borough Council was held in the Municipal Building on Thursday, December 6, 2018. The meeting was held for budget and general purpose. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Grant Hunsicker. Members in attendance were: Autumn Abelovsky, Joe Flickinger, Ryan Saunders, Darryl Arner, Lisa Perry, and Jared McEvoy. Officials in attendance were: Borough Manager Nicole Beckett, Borough Secretary Brenda Kreitz, Mayor Clark Ritter and Police Chief Brian Biechy.

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

Discussion on Proposed Budget

Council reviewed the budget materials provided for some time. Councilor Saunders had questioned the increase in Shade Tree line items. Nicole said that is for the streetscape to start allocating budgetary funds for maintenance. Currently we have no maintenance plan for the trees. Being there are so many trees now this item needs to have funds put to it annually.

Councilor Abelovsky questioned the no increase in crossing guard salaries. Nicole said that would have been the 50 cent increase from the original proposed budget. The \$10/hr. would have been an increase of \$12,500 and she would still have to reach out to the school district to see what they would contribute.

Chief Biechy said was are the highest paid in the county. A lot of the other departments that have them are either at a minimum hour or a set daily rate. The way we do it works out to be more than that. There aren't many that do it in the county. Lansford's are union employees. The comparison is not apples to apples.

Councilor Saunders wanted to know with the proposed cuts if there was still potential for a building for public works. Nicole said she took half from the general fund and half from sewer for the start for that project.

Councilor Saunders asked Chief Biechy if there was money in his budget to break through the upstairs wall. Brian said he thinks so if Public Works is available.

Motion to adopt the 2019 Proposed Budget

Councilor Perry/Flickinger made the motions to adopt and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to Advertise the 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance

Councilors Perry/Flickinger made the motions to advertise the ordinance at 9.5 mils and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve Lease Addendum with Representative Heffley

Councilors Saunders/Perry made the motions to approve and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Motion to approve year end transfers as provided by treasurer

Councilors Saunders/Arner made the motions to approve and all were in favor with no questions or objections.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Councilors Saunders/Flickinger made the motions to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. and all were in favor.

Brenda L. Kreitz

Borough Secretary