

CONTINUATION OF DECEMBER 5, 2011 BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

President Ramsey reconvened the December 5, 2011 meeting at 7:00 pm on December 12, 2011, in the auditorium of the Macungie Institute, 510 E. Main Street, Macungie PA. Council members in attendance were Chris Becker, Robert Bogert, David Boyko, Dorothy Kociuba, Jean Nagle, Guy Ramsey, and Joseph Sikorski. Council Elect Members Debra Cope, Greg Hutchison and Linn Walker were also in attendance. Mayor Rickie Hoffman was absent. Also present were Borough Manager Chris Boehm and Administrative Assistant Cynthia Hartzell.

Borough Manager Boehm presented a preliminary budget as discussed at the December 5, 2011 budget workshop. The budget had no wage increase for non-union employees; no wellness benefits for non-union employees; reduced the Administrative Assistant position to 24 hours per week; the Macungie Institute Building Coordinator position to 24 hours per week for 7 months and at the termination of the EIT Collector position August 1, that employee would resume the duties of the Macungie Institute Building Coordinator position at the 24 hours per week; elimination of the full time and the 30 hour police officers; and increased the police part-time line item to \$44,000, eliminated the \$6,000 contribution to the Macungie Youth Association, the \$1,500 contribution to the Lower Lehigh Lions for the Halloween Parade, the part time public works summer employee, electricity for the holiday lights and funds for special event decorations. The budget included funds for the Meyner Center at Lafayette College to perform an organization assessment of the Borough staff, upgrading the Public Works and Police radios to narrowband, hiring a consultant to update the Borough's Zoning Ordinance, resurfacing 300' of Maple Street, chip sealing Brookfield Drive and patching Village Walk Drive. The budget had a .68 tax mil increase for a total tax millage of 7.63. Keeping the 2013 carryover at \$350,000, the budget deficit was approximately \$43,000.

Borough Manager Boehm recommended lowering the 2013 carryover to balance the budget. Researching prior years for the amount that was spent in the first three months before revenue was received, Borough Manager Boehm noted the amount at most was \$225,000. It was noted the historic amount for the carryover has been \$350,000. Some Council Members were in favor of lowering the 2013 carryover to balance the budget.

Council discussed elimination of a public works employee and the interpretation of the Teamster Union contract. Council had a lengthy discussion and heard comments from the audience pertaining to employee layoffs, the vehicle maintenance work done by the Borough mechanic and last year's purchase of the paver.

Council Member Nagle made a motion to approve the 2012 preliminary budget with a .68 mil tax increase and reduce the 2013 carryover by \$43,395 to balance the budget and authorize the budget to be on public display Tuesday, December 13, second by Council Member Sikorski. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 3 nays (Council Members Boyko, Kociuba and Ramsey)

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Hartzell
Administrative Assistant