

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Budget Workshop held on November 2, 2017
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Hannold with Council members Kulman, Nagle, Snow, and Sargen and Mayor Vegso present called the budget workshop meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. Council members Mazis and Foreman were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment from public.

President Hannold began the budget meeting. The secretary/treasurer had the packets for the budget for the council members. President Hannold stated that there was a significant savings on the medical benefits this year and so there were some slight adjustments in the budget but the budget is balanced. They are still looking at the fire tax and were shooting at a mil, and if you increase taxes it can't go over 10% for the year. So it made it closer to \$90,000 for the fire company. With the savings on medical benefits we're able to make it \$95,000. The numbers may change slightly when the property value changes. Once we know the exact number from the county we will make that adjustment.

Mayor Vegso asked that the Borough will be getting \$644,000 and how does that compare to 2017. The mayor asked who controls the fire tax money. Will the tax payers see the fire tax on their bill?

President Hannold explained that the Borough is to receive \$644,000 in revenue from taxes but we do not budget that full amount because not everyone pays their taxes. The amount that we used to budget for the fire company is now coming from the fire tax so this cannot be budgeted as our income. When you have a fire tax in place, there will be a separate account for it. The MOU is saying that out of this money they will receive \$5,500 a month and the remaining amount will be placed in a reserve account. The tax bills will not show a separate line item and most residents will not know that there is a fire tax. The Borough is responsible to provide administrative assistance to the fire company. Taxes will increase approximately .52 mills which will generate \$66,356.16, and the Borough will put in from their portion .23 mills so that the fire company receives close to \$95,706. These numbers may need to be adjusted once we get the final assessment amounts from the county.

Council member Sargen asked about the fire tax and the new amounts so the fire company is going to benefit about \$5,100 more, so where does the \$5,100 fall into the three categories? Is the fire company going to still receive the \$5,500 per month and \$10,000 goes in the truck fund and the saving for emergencies goes up or what? He would like to make a suggestion that we use the extra money and purchase new gear for the fire company.

President Hannold stated that the MOU states that the money would go into the Reserve fund. The attorney suggests that we just make it one account called Fire Reserve Allocation account. Everything was summarized so that everyone understood the fire tax and MOU.

President Hannold stated that the health insurance will be changed to Aetna and the dental plan will be Delta and the vision plan will be VNA. Before everything was Capital Blue Cross. We need to let the company know before December 1st because this is when everything goes into place.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Fire Company personnel were present and participated with Council on the discussion.

There being no further business with a motion by Council member Nagle and a second by Council member Snow the meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer