

**Mount Joy Borough Council
Special Budget Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2020**

The Mount Joy Borough Council held a special Zoom meeting on November 17, 2020.

Council President Hall called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Invocation was given by Mayor Bradley, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Present were: Councilors Castaldi, Deering, Eichler, Fahndrich, Ginder, Hall, Reese, Ruschke, Youngerman and Mayor Bradley. Councilors Fahndrich and Ginder joined a few minutes late due to their work schedules

Also present were; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Interim Borough Manager, Casey Kraus; Stormwater Officer, David Salley; Finance and Business Administrator, Jill Frey, MSMJ Dave Schell, and Chief Goshen

AGENDA

Motion by Reese and second by Castaldi to approve the agenda. Motion by Hall and second by Ruschke to amend the agenda with an item 6a, executive session to be held prior to the budget meeting. Motions carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council put the Budget Meeting in recess at 6:45 PM. to hold an executive session regarding personnel matters and a discussion on contract negotiations pertaining to healthcare.

The Council came out of executive session at 7:15 PM. No decisions were made in the executive session.

Public Input Period

No public input.

This meeting was held virtually through Zoom. Jill Frey used the "share screen" feature of Zoom to display for everyone the draft budget numbers as decided by council at their November 10th, 2020 budget meeting.

REVENUE SECTION OF BUDGET REVIEW (line items are in the 300.000 numbers)

The discussions on the budget began with the trash and recycling (T&R) fund balance and whether to increase the transfer from the T&R, which typically is set at a transfer of \$200,000 each year. There was a lengthy discussion on this topic. After the discussion, there was a:

Motion by Reese to increase the T&R fund balance transfer to the general fund from \$200,000 to \$225,000.

Motion seconded by Castaldi.

Motion carried 8 to 1, with Youngerman voting nay.

EXPENDITURES SECTION OF BUDGET REVIEW (line items are in the 400.000 numbers)

Several expenditure line items were looked at closely in the police budget and a few minor reductions were made by a consensus of the council.

Milanof-Schock Library funding

Motion by Castaldi to reduce the contribution to the Milanof-Schock Library from \$39,000 to \$38,000.

Second by Fahndrich.

Roll call vote:

Castaldi-yes

Fahndrich-yes

Deering-no

Ginder-yes

Youngerman-no

Eichler-yes

Ruschke-no

Hall-no

Reese-no

Motion defeated 5 to 4

Hourly employee wages for 2021

Motion by Reese to increase hourly employee's wages from 1.5% TO 2.5%

Seconded by Ruschke

Roll call vote:

Castaldi-no

Reese-yes

Deering-yes

Fahndrich-no

Ginder-no

Eichler-no

Ruschke-no

Youngerman-no

Hall-yes

Motion defeated by 6 to 3 Wage increases for hourly non-uniform employees for 2021 is 1.5%

Fire Department Training line item

Motion by Youngerman to keep the training fund at \$6,000 and not reduce it to \$5,000 as suggested earlier

Seconded by Castaldi

Motion approved 8 to 1 with Reese voting no

Balance the budget

Motion by Castaldi in order to balance the 2021 budget, council transfer \$159,586 from the fund balance to the general fund

Second by Ginder

Motion approved unanimously

Adopt budget as the draft budget to be advertised and made available to the public for review.

Motion by Deering to adopt the budget in its current form as the draft budget for advertisement and for public review

Seconded by Ginder

Motion approved unanimously

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

No public input.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Reese to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Second by Eichler. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Kraus

Charles M. Kraus
Interim Borough Manager

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