

Mount Joy Borough Council Special Budget Meeting Minutes November 5, 2020

The Mount Joy Borough Council held a special Zoom meeting on November 5, 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 Eichler, Fahndrich, Ginder, Hall, Reese, Ruschke, Youngerman and Mayor Bradley. Councilor Deering joined the meeting at 7:00 PM

Also present were; Public Works Director, Dennis Nissley; Interim Borough Manager, Casey Kraus; Codes and Zoning Officer, Stacie Gibbs; Stormwater Officer, David Salley; Finance and Business Administrator, Jill Frey; and joining the meeting (while away on vacation) was Chief Goshen about midway through the meeting. The chief answered a few questions and went back to his vacation.

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 to view the preliminary draft budget numbers provided by staff.

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

The discussions on the budget began with the revenue portion of the budget. All council members and the mayor participated in a line item by line item review of the budget numbers. There were many in-depth discussions and questions on various line items. As a result of those discussions there were several changes made to the revenue numbers. This was done on an Excel spreadsheet so Jill could make the changes for all to see on the screen share. The Excel formulas automatically adjusted all the totals when any change was made. All changes made were the result of a consensus of the council, and in consideration of comments of Mayor Bradley, as well as input from staff members.

A separate discussion was held in response to Councilor Deering's request to consider adding \$70,000 in the stormwater budget or into the capital budget for the installation of an underground stormwater pipe from Bruce Avenue, through four private properties, down to Terrace Avenue where it would discharge onto Terrace Avenue. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to table this conversation and revisit it during the capital fund budget meeting.

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

The expenditure portion of the budget was also reviewed by all council members and Mayor Bradley. The review was a line item by line item review of the budget numbers supplied by staff. There was a lengthy discussion on the Capital Blue Cross health insurance plan premium increase of roughly \$8,000 per month for 2021. The borough staff received six quotes from our insurance broker, Jeff Shatzer. The only one comparable to the current CBC plan was from Highmark. For practically the same or better coverage Highmark was \$8,000 per month less than CBC. There were many questions about the feasibility of making a change this late in the enrollment period at the end of the year. Councilor Youngerman provided a list of questions to Casey Kraus to get answers ASAP. The budget number in the line item 487.156 Hospitalization Major Medical in the preliminary budget had the lower number from the Highmark plan. It was the consensus of council to change that number to the 2021 CBC higher premium number. If the borough can make the change to Highmark, that figure can revert to the lower number.

PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

No public input.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council President Hall reported he received a letter from the Lancaster County Planning Commission (LCPC) stating when the borough added "tiny houses" to the Mobile Home Parks Ordinance the borough erred by not first sending the draft amendment to the LCPC for their review and comments. Council was made aware of the error, so

it does not happen again.

Motion by Fahndrich to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 PM. Second by Eichler. Motion approved unanimously.

Next Zoom budget meeting is scheduled for Tuesday November 10, 2020 at 6:30 PM

Mount Joy Chairman is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Mount Joy Borough Council Budget Meeting

Time: Nov 10, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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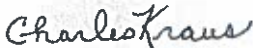
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Respectfully submitted,



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Interim Borough Manager

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