

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2016

The public budget meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Monday, October 3rd, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Felch at 7:00 p.m.

All present were Council Members Balascak, Felch, Pica, Poot, Snyder, Thrapp, Mayor Hovis, Solicitor Capehart, Manager Paashaus, and Engineer Erdman. Council Member Greenland was absent.

REQUESTED SPEAKERS:

1. Bob Trexler, Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park Vice President, gave a presentation regarding the Park and its financial needs. The Park is requesting an increase to \$15,000 for 2017. There was further discussion regarding the park's history, maintenance costs, repairing a parking lot, the volunteer board structure, and unsuccessful grant applications. Felch thanked the volunteer board for their service.
2. Matthew Rehrig, Representative for the Coopersburg Fire Company, presented information about the Fire Company and its projected profit and loss for 2017. The fire company is requesting an increase to \$45,000 annually in 2017. There was further discussion regarding the need of an additional vehicle, volunteer recruitment, income from the social club, restaurant information, and regionalization.
3. Lynette Saeger, Library Representative for the Southern Lehigh Public Library, gave a presentation regarding the Library and its programs. The Library is requesting a 5% contribution increase for 2017. There was further discussion regarding the Library's services, youth programs, circulation, membership, capital plan, and financial concerns. There was further discussion regarding the Lehigh Valley Library Partnership, County systems, and the board structure. Council thanked the Library for their service.

No action was taken during the Budget Hearing. Felch stated that Council will have the first reading of the proposed 201 budget in 2 weeks at the next public Council meeting. The final reading is planned for the meeting in November.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Balascak made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing and return to the regular committee workshop, which was seconded by Poot. The budget meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President