

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2013

The public budget meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Monday, October 7th, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Balascak at 7:05 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited for opening ceremonies.

Roll call was taken by Manager Paashaus. Also present were Council Members Minarik, Greenland, Lundy, Solicitor Gittinger, and Engineer Erdman. Mayor Mack, Council Members Walters, Nalichowski, Felch, and Jr. Council Member Hewins were absent.

REQUESTED SPEAKERS:

1. Lynnette Saeger, Librarian/Director for the Southern Lehigh Public Library, presented a thorough Power-point slideshow regarding the community activities of the Library. The Library is requesting a 9.1% contribution increase from all its contributing municipalities. The request was \$17,400 from the Borough of Coopersburg for 2014. There was further discussion about the Library's type of services, circulation, membership, and financial concerns.
2. The Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park representative was absent from the meeting. The park did submit documents and a request for an increase to \$10,000 annually in 2014. The current contribution is \$8,000 in 2013.
3. Daniel Baer, Fire Chief for the Coopersburg Fire Company, presented the budget numbers for the fire company. Lee Lilley and James Hart had planned on attending the meeting but were unable to for personal reasons (e-mail excuse in record). There was further discussion regarding the internal changes of the fire company, financial concerns, the 2012 tax filing extension, and audit concerns. It was evident that the current administration has changed and internal corrections are being made. The fire company is requesting an increase to \$35,000 annually in 2014.

The Administration and Finance Committee will review these requests and present the first reading of the Borough's 2014 Budget on October 15, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Minarik made a motion to adjourn the budget hearing and return to the regular committee workshop, which was seconded by Lundy. The budget meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President