

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2018

The public budget meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Monday, October 1st, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Balascak at 7:00 PM.

All present were Council Members Balascak, Dietz, Ellenberger, Poot, Thrapp, Mayor Hovis, Solicitor Capehart, Manager Paashaus, & Engineer Erdman. Council Members Felch & Craig were absent.

Council Vice President Balascak welcomed the representatives from the Park, Library, and Fire Company and thanked them for their enhancement to the community.

REQUESTED SPEAKERS:

1. Doug Albright, Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park President, gave a presentation regarding the Park and its financial needs. The Park is requesting an increase to \$15,000 for 2019. There was further discussion regarding the park's history, the Community Building (Previously VFW), Saucon Rail Trail impacts, volunteerism, and maintenance costs. The Borough and Library will help to advertise the need for volunteers and board members.
2. Lynette Saeger, Library Representative for the Southern Lehigh Public Library, gave a presentation regarding the Library and its programs. The Library is requesting the same contribution level for 2019 with the possibility of a special project contribution for new computers. There was further discussion regarding the Library's services, SPARK program, circulation, membership, goals, fundraisers, and maintenance costs.
3. Matthew Rehrig, Representative for the Coopersburg Fire Company, presented information about the Fire Company and its projected profit and loss for 2018. The fire company is requesting an increase to \$50,000 in 2019. However, this request would be held by the Borough for the future purchase of air packs (\$150,000 total need) and a truck. There was further discussion regarding the possibility of grants, the National Fire Protection Association, and other costs.

No action was taken during the Budget Hearing. Balascak stated that Council will have the first reading of the proposed 2018 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. The budget hearing was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President