

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Budget Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2019

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

OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call was taken by Manager Paashaus. All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Balascak, Craig, Dietz, Ellenberger, Felch, Poot, Thrapp, Solicitor Capehart, and Engineer Erdman.

AGENDA

The Meeting Agenda was ordered approved, without objection.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

1. Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park – The park president, Doug Albright, presented the financial information for the park. There was discussion regarding the park’s needs, maintenance expenses, the old VFW building (community building), and weed control. The park is requesting an annual contribution of \$15,000.00. This request is the same funding level as 2019.
2. Coopersburg Fire Company – The fire company president, Jim Hart, presented the financial information for the fire company. There was further discussion regarding the volunteer firefighters, additional members, the tree-lighting event, fund drive, and social quarters. Council requested information regarding an audit of the fire company, additional information regarding the social quarter’s income, and carnival income. Hart agreed to provide the most recent audit (possibly in 2017) and was unable to answer questions regarding specific accounts and interest. The fire company is requesting an annual contribution of \$50,000.00. This request is a 25% increase from 2019.
3. Southern Lehigh Public Library – The library director, Lynnette Saeger, presented the financial information for the library. There was further discussion regarding maintenance costs, major accomplishments of the library, new technology improvements, coordination with other libraries, and the increase of funding from the state (9%). The library is requesting an annual contribution of \$22,226.00. This request is a 5% increase from 2019.

Council thanked all presenters for speaking and for the impact on the community.

ACTION ITEMS

1. A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Dietz to approve the MTF Grant Agreement with PennDot for the construction of Phase 5 & 7 of the Borough’s Streetscape Plan.
Resolution 2019-18 passed by a vote of 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Craig and seconded by Balascak to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM. Council Committees resumed their normal meeting at 8:00 PM.

Timothy Paashaus – Borough Manager

John Felch, Jr. – Council President