

BOROUGH OF WHITEHALL

Budget Meeting November 14, 2015

The Council of the Borough of Whitehall met at the Borough Building, 100 Borough Park Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Saturday, November 14, 2015, at 9:00 AM, for a budget meeting. President McKown called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Ryan Barton
Philip J. Lahr
Robert J. McKown
Glenn P. Nagy
William J. Veith

Absent: Linda J. Book
Kathleen N. DePuy
James F. Nowalk, Mayor

STAFF: James E. Leventry, Manager
Vincent G. Yevins, Finance Director
David King, Public Works Supervisor
Donald R. Dolfi, Chief of Police
Keith P. Henderson, Deputy Chief of Police

PUBLIC WORKS:

2015 Budget - \$1,514,475.00
2016 Proposed Budget - \$1,454,026.00

Mr. King reviewed the budget line items; most figures are historic. The line item - Vehicle Replacement - decreased to \$0.00 as no vehicles will be replaced in 2016. The line item - Street Resurfacing - returned to the normal \$750,000.00 after a one time increase to \$850,000.00 in 2015. The line items - Storm Sewer Maintenance, Storm Sewer Construction and Storm Sewer Emergency - are \$0.00 for 2016 because they were moved to the Storm Sewer Fund. The salaries in this budget are contractual (3 percent increase for 2016).

LIBRARY:

2015 Budget - \$350,490.00
2016 Proposed Budget - \$355,400.00

President McKown recognized Paula Kelly, Director of the Whitehall Public Library. Ms. Kelly reviewed the events that have impacted the Library in 2015. Members of Council received

copies of the Library's complete 2015 report. Ms. Kelly thanked Council for the renovations in the Community Room and Library kitchen space. Ms. Kelly discussed funding and donations received. The 2016 state library subsidy is likely to remain flat. Gaming revenue is also projected to remain flat. RAD funds have marginally decreased by less than half of one percent. 2016 program revenue is projected to increase. The Library is requesting a 1.4% increase for general operating costs in 2016. The Library is budgeting \$85,000.00 for dedicated space improvements, the majority of which will come from an estate gift from a former Whitehall resident.

REVENUE:

2015 Budget -\$9,666,432.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$9,470,142.00

The revenue figures are historic for the most part. The line item for fund balance transfer is projected to be only \$476,142.66 in 2015. \$902,209.00 was budgeted. \$295,891.00 is projected for 2016. The line item – Real Estate Taxes Current – is projected to be \$3,260,000.00 in 2016. \$3,400,000.00 was budgeted. The millage rate was reduced in 2015. Assessment values are projected to increase in 2016. The line item – Earned Income Tax – is projected to increase by \$100,000.00 in 2016. The line item – Real Estate Transfer Tax – saw higher collections in 2015 due to the sale of a few larger properties. The line item – Cable TV Franchise Fee – is projected to increase by \$9,000.00. An audit is being performed on the Cable TV Franchise which may increase revenue next year due to better collection techniques. The line item – RAD Tax – is projected to increase by \$17,000.00 in 2016. The line item – Pool/Admissions – was high in 2015 due to a larger amount of walk up admissions at the pool. The line item – Worker's Comp Dividend – was budgeted at \$60,000.00 in 2015. \$96,640.35 was received. It will be budgeted at \$65,000.00 in 2016.

ADMINISTRATION:

2015 Budget - \$587,139.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$602,989.00

The salaries in this budget are submitted for a 3 percent increase for 2016. The retainer fees for the Engineer and Solicitor will remain the same for 2016. The line item for Economic Development South will remain at \$30,000.

The remaining figures in this proposed budget are historic.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

2015 Budget - \$247,352.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$214,143.00

The line item – Maintenance & Repair/Exterior – will be increased to \$61,000.00 in 2016 to replace the roof on the Public Works building. The line item – Maintenance & Repair/Interior – will be increased to \$26,500.00 for new carpet and electrical work in the upstairs lobby outside the Community Room. The line item – HVAC Maintenance – fluctuates based on problems that may or may not arise with the equipment. It is budgeted at \$15,700.00 for 2016.

The remaining figures in this budget are historic.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

2015 Budget - \$27,800.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$27,800.00

The figures in this budget are historic.

FIRE PROTECTION:

2015 Budget - \$279,351.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$286,975.00

The line item – MRTSA Assessment – increased by \$5,000.00 for 2016. The remaining figures in this budget are historic.

PLANNING & ZONING:

2015 Budget - \$142,180.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$145,893.00

The salaries in this budget are submitted for a 3 percent increase for 2016. The remaining figures in this budget are historic.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

2015 Budget - \$937,599.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$936,764.00

These numbers are based on per unit contract rate. The line item – Animal Control – was decreased by \$5,000.00 for 2016.

SWIMMING POOL:

2015 Budget - \$208,173.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$217,930.00

The salaries will remain flat for 2016. The remaining figures in this budget are historic.

RECREATION:

2015 Budget - \$91,855.00

2016 Proposed Budget - \$104,451.00

The line item – Recreation Board Program – will increase to \$5,200.00 for 2016. The line item – Maintenance & Repairs – Parks – will increase by \$10,000.00 to \$20,500.00 as part of the 5 Year Parks Plan. The remaining figures in this budget are historic.

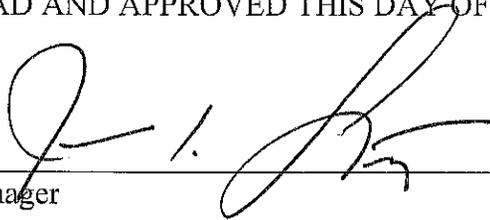
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

President McKown adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

READ AND APPROVED THIS DAY OF DECEMBER 2, 2015.



Manager