

**SPECIAL
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
November 22, 2022**

A special meeting of Boyertown Borough Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Council President Frank Deery. Council members present in addition to Mr. Deery were Barry Christman, Jeffrey Cascino, Keith Endy, Charles Neubauer and Gene Gabel. Council member Charles Heller and Mayor Lorraine Carnes were absent.

Also in attendance was Borough Manager Patricia Loder.

Mr. Deery called for public comment; no comments were forthcoming

2023 Proposed Budget

The 2023 Proposed Budget was reviewed and discussed. The proposed budget reflects a real estate tax millage of 8.64; an increase of .45 mills over the 2022 millage of 8.19. This will generate an additional \$78,000 in real estate tax revenue, and will cover the increase cost of the Eastern Berks Regional Police budget line item in the amount of \$77,310.

The proposed Water Fund budget reflects a deficit of \$111,290, which will necessitate a rate increase in 2023. The deficit is due to increase personnel, utility and chemical costs. It was also noted that in order to adequately fund the 5 year capital improvement list additional funds are required. The Capital Improvement list reflects an average annual expenditure of \$226,000; the current budget and the proposed budget reflect a transfer from the Water Fund to the Capital Improvement Water Fund of \$100,000. Following discussion, Mrs. Loder was directed to request SSM, Inc. provide a rate increase proposal to generate an additional \$160,000 and \$200,000 in revenue. The rate increase will be reviewed by the Public Utilities Committee.

The proposed Sewer Fund budget reflects a deficit of \$49,530, which will necessitate a rate increase in 2023. The deficit is due to increase personnel, utility and chemical costs. Following discussion, Mrs. Loder was directed to request SSM, Inc. provide a rate increase proposal to generate an additional \$50,000. The rate increase will be reviewed by the Public Utilities Committee.

Mr. Deery inquired if there were any other concerns or comments on the Proposed Budget. No comments were forthcoming. The Special Council Meetings scheduled to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 30th and December 5th will be cancelled.

There being no public comment or further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. was made by Mr. Deery and seconded by Mr. Cascino

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary