

BUDGET WORKSESSION NOVEMBER 14, 2011

Meeting/work session called to order at 1830 hrs, members present were: D. Sarpen – Council Member
E. Paules – Council Member
J. Halapin – Council Member
G. Andrews - Council Member (1842 hrs.)
E. Molinsky – Council Member
Mayor J. Joy (1836 hrs.)
Administrator T. L. Crawford

Minutes:

Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by J. Halapin to approve the Oct. 17, 2011 budget work session minutes as presented
Motion carried.

Public comment:

George Lafferty representing Paul Smith Library provided Council with information concerning the financial status and services provided to NF residents and southern York County. He requested Council consider increasing the funding to the Paul Smith Library. He advised NF has a high percentage of users of the facility, yet does not contribute as much as other municipalities. Council discussed the financial problems all organizations, including local governments are dealing with. E Paules advised G. Lafferty the Borough has taken numerous steps to reduce costs, no appreciation banquet for volunteers, no employee salary increases, less road projects etc. He inquired if the Library has taken steps to reduce cost. G. Lafferty advised they have not at this time cut programs or reduced hours, but do not want to have to face that in the future. E. Paules also noted the Borough funds other services that surrounding municipalities utilize, but do not fund such as the New Freedom Ambulance pension, which in 2010 was in excess of \$ 20,000., as well as numerous unseen items and services. Council advised G. Lafferty to submit information for budget consideration in August of next year to be considered.

GENERAL FUND:

Council discussed the limb pick-up program, noting at \$ 5.00 per tag, the gasoline is not being covered. E. Paules noted the recent storm has resulted in over 85 tags being issued at \$ 5.00 per tag. He noted some residents purchased numerous tags so the crew will be at a location in excess of 1 hour or more. He expressed concerns that residents without trees are subsidizing the program, and others are taking advantage by not paying several hundred dollars for a tree service. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to increase the cost of a limb tag to \$ 10.00 for a 15 minutes pick-up, effective 1/1/2012. Motion carried.

2012 BUDGET:

E. Paules reviewed the 2012 funds, noting this is the same as last month's proposal, and has been advertised for public comment. Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by D. Sarpen to advertise the 2012 proposed budget for adoption at the December meeting. Motion carried.

REGULAR council MEETING BEGAN AT 1849 HRS.

