

BUDGET WORKSESSION OCTOBER 17, 2011

Meeting/work session called to order at 1800 hrs, members present were: B. Terrell - President
D. Sarpen – Council Member
E. Paules – Council Member
G. Andrews – Council Member
E. Myers - Council Member (1842 hrs.)
Mayor J. Joy
Administrator T. L. Crawford

COMMUNITY CENTER FUND

Council reviewed the fund, noting the utility rates, and rent increases. T.L. Crawford advised the majority of the leases are signed for 2012 with an increase, noting no objections from any tenants. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the CC fund as presented. Motion carried.

Water FUND

T.L. Crawford advised the owner of the apartment building on Rutledge Road paid the amount due 45 minutes prior to the scheduled sheriff's sale this afternoon. She requested Council authorize the Solicitor to send a letter advising the owner the water service to the buildings must be connected as per the Ordinance, or enforcement action will immediately follow. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to have the Solicitor send a letter advising the owner of the enforcement action that will follow if the connections are not made in compliance with the ordinance. Motion carried. Council reviewed the average water use in the Borough, and discussed rates and noted the numerous increases of York Water Co. in 2011. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by D. Sarpen to approve the water budget as presented. Motion carried.

Sewer FUND

Council discussed the sewer fund, noting 2012 will be the final year for the bond payment. T.L. Crawford advised J. Smith is planning to keep capital projects and upgrades to a minimum until 2013. T.L. Crawford reviewed the need for a minor increase. Motion by D. Sarpen, seconded by E. Paules to approve the sewer budget as presented. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Council reviewed the fund, noting the loan payment is broken between Community Center Fund and General Fund. Mayor Joy advised the SRPC has not officially adopted a final budget, however the number utilized for NF is \$ 509,000. He also mentioned it may decrease slightly prior to the final adoption. T.L. Crawford advised a new electricity provider will be utilized in 2012 for all accounts except street lights. The new company will be Blue Star, which should generate an annual saving of approximately \$25,000. shared by all funds. Council reviewed the need for a minor tax increase of .06 of a mil, which will equate to \$ 12.00 on a \$ 200,000. property. This also keeps the tax rate under 1 mil.

James Holley 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 Shrewsbury Borough or Township. He also noted the Library has no debt, but needs funding to continue to do programs, as well as normal operations. Council discussed changing the proposed 2012 donations to the 2011 amount. Motion E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to advertise the proposed 2012 budget with the donations showing the same amount as in 2011. Motion carried.

REGULAR council MEETING BEGAN AT 1900 HRS.

