

The Special Meeting of the Donora Borough Council was held on January 18, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Donora Municipal Complex. The meeting was called to order by Council President Cindy Brice and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following members were present: Mrs. Brice, Mr. Brice, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Thompson and Borough Administrator Michael Thornton.

Opening of Bids

Minutes

President of Council

Public Address:

Mr. Brice made a motion to reappoint Steve Toprani as the borough solicitor. Second by Mrs. Pavelko. A vote was taken to the call of roll: Ayes: Mr. Brice, Mrs. Brice, Mrs. Pavelko, Mr. Perrotta, Mr. Thompson (5) Nays: (0) Absent: Mr. Berestecky and Mr. McDowell (2) Abstain: (0) Motion carried.

Solicitor Toprani, via telephone, thanked council for their support.

Finance

A motion was approved to re-open the 2024 borough budget. Council wanted to have a discussion on the amendments:

Mr. Thornton said there were no amendments to the revenue section of the 2024 budget. There were amendments to the expense portions:

Borough Administrator salary, increase \$2000.00.

Legal Services-Other, reduction of \$25,000.00, since most lawsuits are being handled by our insurance company.

Buildings and Plant part time wages, increase of \$20.00

Police wages-patrolman, reduction of \$59,419.00, for one less full time officer.

Police wages-part time, increase of \$42,320.00 for an additional officer.

Overtime wages increased by \$1,514.00.

Holiday wages increased by \$2,644.00.

Court time wages reduced by \$3,000.00.

Net total for the police department was a reduction in the total budget of \$15,941.00

Fire Expense \$20,000.00 - money shifted into Foreign Casualty Premiums. This is only an adjustment to where the money is recorded.

Code Enforcement reduction of \$1,000.00 in travel expenses.

Demolition Expenses, increase of \$35,000.00.

Street Crew full time wages, increase of \$1,014.00.

Street Crew part time wages, reduction of \$24,006.00.

Materials and Supplies, reduction of \$2,500.00.

Fuel Oil, reduction of \$3,000.00.

Engineering Services, reduction of \$2,500.00.

Equipment Maintenance, reduction of \$6,800.00.

Capital Outlay for major equipment pieces, reduction of \$6,000.00.

Total reduction for the Street Department \$43,792.00.

Transit Authority, reduction of \$3,100.00.

Employee Benefits-health insurance police, reduction of \$20,000.00

Total approximate adjustment to the budget was \$82,000.00

Mrs. Brice stated that the budget would be available to review for the next ten days.

Mr. Nedrow asked if the repair numbers for Street Department equipment have been added to the budget. Mr. Thornton told him no, they haven't been added, but there is room for them. Mr. Nedrow questioned capital expenditures. He asked if there's a number that's aggregated. Mr. Thornton told him there are funds in the capital expenditures accounts. We don't have a regular number going to it either monthly or annually. Since Mr. Thornton has started working for the borough, he said the accounts are left alone and just accruing interest. Mr. Nedrow believes it's best to have a conversation on the issues brought up in the letters to management by the auditors as far as controls and procedures. If the auditors have ideas about cleaning up the ledger, he said it may be easier for Mr. Thornton to manage. Mrs. Brice said it's only been a few weeks that new council has been in office. She's hopeful that the next audit will be more informational. Mrs. Pavelko asked if she could get copies of the auditor's reports for the last two or three years. Mr. Nedrow told her that he also has prior year copies that she could see.

Mrs. Pavelko stated that the Smog Committee is planning to rent the banquet hall on April 6 for a fundraiser comedy night. She asked about a possible reduced price on renting the banquet hall.

Mr. Thompson spoke regarding snow removal that he had received phone calls from the area of Seventh Street. He reached out to Dean and they had gone up there the night before, but the truck could not get through. He asked residents to park as close to the curb as possible to make room for the plow truck. Mrs. Brice asked everyone to please be patient. The street crew is doing the best they can with the amount of trucks and man power we have.

Mr. Perrotta reminded residents not to put trash out before 5pm the night before collection day. Mrs. Brice reminded everyone to use trash bags and be sure to place your tied bags into cans.

Mrs. Pavelko asked Mr. Perrotta if he has heard anything about the building involved in the fire. He responded that he hadn't. Mrs. Brice told her that it is ultimately the property owners problem and that they are waiting on insurance adjusters.

Health, Sanitation and Code Enforcement

Recreation

Community Affairs and Municipal Building

Highways and Streets

Public Safety

Mayor

Public Officials

Mr. Vince – No Report

Mr. Rands – No Report

Mr. Fronzaglio No Report

Mr. Toprani – No Report

Old Business

New Business

Non-Agenda Items

ADJOURNMENT: 6:20 PM