

ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
October 28, 2021
Minutes

A public meeting of Elizabethtown Borough Council was held on Thursday, October 28, 2021. Borough Council members in attendance included Tom Shaud, Bill Troutman, Phil Clark, Jeff McCloud, Vice President J. Neil Ketchum Jr., and President J. Marc Hershey. Also in attendance were Police Chief Ed Cunningham, Borough Manager Rebecca S. Denlinger, Assistant Borough Manager Ann Roda, Finance Assistant Kim Leverentz and Public Works Director Jeff Kinsey. Mayor Mummert was absent from the meeting.

President Hershey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Old Business

1. Borough Manager Denlinger stated that for review and discussion, a draft version 1 of all funds was provided prior to the meeting. She added that the version 1 is a working draft and revisions will continue to be made based on council's review.

President Hershey started the discussion off focusing on sewer and trash rates for the upcoming fiscal year. Council decided that kraft bags would not be sold but would remain available to residents. To cover the gap in revenue versus expenditures for hopefully two years the trash rate would increase from \$216 to \$232. Borough staff will incorporate that rate into the draft budget material. It was discussed that an increase for the sewer rate may need to be spread out over several years. The discussion of the sewer rate was tabled until the Borough's engineer could be present to answer detailed questions on the sewer rate study that was completed in 2021.

Following a discussion on rates, Borough Council then worked through the General Fund. Questions and revisions were discussed pertaining to several revenue and expenditure line items. Council directed staff to continue to refine the draft budget and find additional reductions. The draft budget will further be discussed at the meeting on November 11, 2021.

President Hershey announced Borough Council would hold an Executive Session following the meeting concerning a legal matter and a personnel matter.

After a motion by Councilperson Clark, seconded by Councilperson Troutman, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca S. Denlinger
Borough Manager