

SHICKSHINNY BOROUGH
BUDGET SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2022
MINUTES

The Special Budget Meeting of the Borough of Shickshinny Council was held on Thursday, December 29, 2022, in the Council room of the Shickshinny Municipal Building. President Jessica Bolles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Per roll call, the following members of Council were present: Joe Buchalski, Rosalie Whitebread, Jim Wido, and Jessica Bolles. Absent was Kevin Kruczek.

President Bolles welcomed others in attendance.

Others in attendance: Attorney Bill Stephens, Bobbi Titus, Kathy Llewellyn, Mike Shoemaker (left at 6:15 PM), and Sonja Sprague.

COMMENTS ON Proposed 2023 Operating Budget

President Bolles asked if there were any comments from residents in attendance on the agenda items. There were no comments.

Rosalie Whitebread asked which line item included the Borough Solicitor fees. Bobbi stated that Page 4, Account Code 404 "Professional Services – Solicitor" is the line item. Ms. Whitebread questioned the hourly rate breakdown for the Street Department. Ms. Whitebread stated that she could support an initial increase of \$1.00/hour at the beginning of the year, but would need to readdress any additional increase in mid-2023.

President Bolles stated that while the office cleaning rate shows an increase in the hourly rate, the hours to be worked was actually decreased.

There was considerable discussion by Council on the hourly rates included in the budget for 2023. Attorney Stephens explained that the budget was the monetary guide for all line items in the Borough, including wages, however the approval of the budget does not approve any immediate increases for personnel. Any hourly increases would need to be addressed and voted on by Council at a subsequent meeting.

Motion made by Joe Buchalski/seconded by Jim Wido to approve and adopt the 2023 Operating Budget as previously proposed. Yes votes: Bolles, Buchalski, Whitebread, Wido. Absent: Kruczek. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:15 PM, Council, Solicitor Stephens, and Secretary Bobbi Titus participated in the executive session. Attorney Sean Logsdon, Sonja Sprague, and Kathy Llewellyn attended the executive session as representatives of the Sewer Board. The executive session concluded at 7:20 PM.

Motion made by Buchalski/seconded by Bolles to end the Executive Session. Yes votes: Bolles, Buchalski, Whitebread, Wido. Absent: Kruczek. Motion carried.

Motion made by Buchalski/seconded by Bolles to adjourn the meeting. Yes votes: Bolles, Buchalski, Whitebread, Wido. Absent: Kruczek. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta J. Titus, Secretary
Borough of Shickshinny