

**Borough Council Budget Work Session**

**October 25, 2021**

A special Budget Work Session meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on the above date, was called to order by President Brian K. Goshow at 7:00 p.m. The Budget Work Session meeting was attended by the following members and staff:

President Brian K. Goshow	Councillor Edward Huber
Vice President Julie Munden	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Donna Rogers	Junior Councillor Nick Mancini
Councillor Richard Godshall	
Councillor Daniel Yocum	
Councillor Matt Mscichowski	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Daryl Littlefield	Police Chief Brian A. Newhall

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed a draft of the line item 2022 Budget with members of Borough Council. The draft budget for the Pool Fund and debt Service Fund were not ready for review at this work session. The Borough manager reviewed the draft 2022 Budget for the General Fund, Fire Tax Fund, Library Tax Fund, Sewer Operating Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Sewer Capital Fund and the Liquid Fuels Fund.

Borough Council discussed a proposal in the General Fund which included a phasing of the required trash collection fees throughout the 2022 calendar year. The 2022 Budget also requires an increase in the General Purpose Real estate Tax rate. After much consideration, Borough Council recommended increasing the trash fee to the required level, which will be between \$105 and \$110.00 per quarter, with the first quarter billing in 2022. The increase in the trash disposal fees at the beginning of the calendar year will permit a reduction in the real estate tax rate increase. Borough Council also suggested increasing the vehicle fuel line item for the Highway Department and increasing the transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund to a level above the \$300,000.

Mayor John Reynolds noted that 2022 will be a very difficult Budget year, but looking forward he encouraged Borough Council to consider adding an expenditure to support the Indian Valley Arts Foundation and the extension of public art throughout the Borough. Mayor Reynolds noted that the Souderton Economic Development and Revitalization Plan sets a goal to encourage arts and entertainment.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary