

Special Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2024

President Robert Tate called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Mrs. Lansberry read a letter from Chief Johnson, Beaver Falls Police Department, requesting support for a \$486,000.00 grant they are applying for to purchase 6 new police cars for the department. Jason Heaton moved to write a letter in support of the requested \$486,000 grant for the police department's purchase of new cars. Ryan Soisson seconded the motion which passed all in favor.

Jason Heaton called the assessment office to get figures on increasing taxes for the borough. Our current assessment is \$76,845,450.00. 1 mill is equivalent to \$76,845.45. Our current millage is 2.2482 which generates \$172,763.94 in revenue. Our current budget with all revenue and expenditures still has a deficit of \$19,800.00. Jason provided information on various millages, 2.75, 3, 3.25, and 3.5. President Tate suggested that we use the lowest millage this year so that the residents don't have a large increase in taxes and if we need to raise the taxes again next year, we'll have to discuss this again. Kevin brought up the fact that taxes couldn't be raise more than 10%. Mrs. Lansberry was under the opinion that taxes couldn't be raised more than 10% but only for the first year of the reassessment. Jason will contact the assessment office to clarify that. Following this discussion, Jake Tate moved to raise taxes to 2.75 mills if the 10% increase is no longer in effect and was seconded by Bill Heaton. A roll-call vote approved the motion as follows: Bill Heaton – yes; Janet Helbig – yes; Bob Tate – yes; Jeff Seybert – yes; Jake Tate – yes; Jason Heaton – yes and Ryan Soisson – yes. The additional revenue will be added to the Maintenance & Repairs to Highways & Bridges Account to be put toward paving next year.

Kevin commented that we need to step up the game and get informed – borough raising taxes and why – get a letter out to the residents.

Janet suggested that we include this letter in with the letter she is getting out for the Rec Board and deliver them door to door.

Bill moved to adjourn at 7 pm, seconded by Jason and approved all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia J. Lansberry
Borough Secretary