

COOPERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Budget Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2024

The meeting of the Coopersburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, October 1st, in Council Chambers at Borough Hall & called to order by Council President Dowdle at 7:00 p.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Roll Call was taken by Manager Paashaus. All present were Mayor Hovis, Council Members Dietz, Dowdle, Ellenberger, Norman, Poot, Yeager, Solicitor Ulrich, Chief Struss, PW Purfeerst, & McCarthy Engineering. Ritter was absent.

AGENDA

A Motion was made by Norman & seconded by Dietz to approve the Agenda without changes. **The Agenda was adopted by a vote of 6-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

1. Southern Lehigh Living Memorial Park – Rob Uhl presented information regarding the park, its challenges, projects, maintenance, & lack of school district involvement. Uhl stated that Elizabeth Snyder, Main Street Financial Partners, donated \$7,000.00 to replace the train playground that was removed years ago. The Park board is requesting \$25,000.00 for the 2025 allocation (2024 = \$20,000.00).
2. Coopersburg Fire Company – Norm Kessler, Fire Company Treasurer, was present to discuss the budget desires of the fire company, equipment needs, & cost increases. Dave Huber, Fire Chief, gave examples of increasing costs & discussed the high cost of radio replacements. The Fire Company was requesting \$50,000.00 for an annual contribution. (2024 = \$45,000).
3. Southern Lehigh Public Library – Mark Sullivan, Library Executive Director, presented information regarding the library, its financial status, fundraisers, funding reserve, & proposed budget. The library is planning on responsibly drawing down its reserve before requesting increases from contributing partners. The library is requesting to keep the same funding level for 2025 (2024 = \$23,000.00).
4. Upper Saucon Ambulance Corps – Joshua Schnalzer, Executive Director, presented information regarding the ambulance corps, its history, call volume, equipment costs, staffing, & future planning. The ambulance corps has served the borough with advanced life support since 2012 & has not requested any annual contributions to date. The ambulance request was requesting \$10,000.00 for an annual contribution.

All pertinent information for the Fire Company, Park, Library, & Ambulance Corps are in the information packet. Council members expressed their appreciation for each community organization & public safety agency.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Dietz & seconded by Norman to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.