

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING DECEMBER 29, 2011

Council met in special session on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

PRESENT were President Sweet, who presided, McClearn, Hart, Ewing, Patterson and McLallen.

OPENING: President Sweet opened the meeting with a salute to the flag and welcomed all in attendance. President Sweet reviewed the announcements with the members of Council.

VISITORS

The visitors in attendance were Attorney Brett Stedman and Attorney William McConnell Jr. of Ekker, Kuster, McConnell & Epstein, LLP; Attorney Richard Harper of Seltzer & Harper; Attorney James Douglas of Douglas & Joseph and Borough Engineer Al Wodzianski.

Council conducted an interview session with Attorney Stedman and Attorney McConnell Jr.

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Borough Engineer Wodzianski presented Council with the final plans and specs for the Water Mains and Appurtenances and Reservoirs and Pump Station upgrades project. Mr. Wodzianski informed Council that the Mercer County Conservation District permit needed to be resubmitted and then the DEP permit would be submitted for approval. This should be completed by the middle of January.

Council conducted an interview session with Attorney James Douglas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS**FINANCE & PROPERTY**

- ⇒ Motion by McLallen, seconded by Ewing to approve the payment of bills dated 12/30/11. The motion was carried by a majority (6 - 1).

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BUDGET

- ⇒ Motion by Sweet, seconded by Ewing to adopt the 2012 budget as presented. The motion was carried by a majority (6 - 1). 5 rbr
- ⇒ Motion by Hart, seconded by Ewing to adopt Ordinance No. 497, setting the tax rate for 2012. The motion was carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council held a discussion regarding the interview session with the law firms. Motion by McLallen, seconded by Patterson to appoint James Douglas of Douglas & Joseph as the Borough Solicitor. The motion was carried by a majority (5 - 2).

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Motion by Hart to appoint Brett Stedman as the Borough Solicitor. The motion was dropped because there was no second to that motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hart, seconded by Patterson to adjourn this session of Council at 8:28 pm. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,


Secretary