

**Pennington Borough Council
Work Session Meeting – May 28, 2024**

Mayor Davy called the Work Session Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held via Zoom. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Angarone, Chandler, Marciante, Stern and Valenza in attendance.

Also present were Borough Clerk Betty Sterling, Borough Attorney Walter Bliss, Borough Administrator GP Caminiti, Public Works Superintendent Rick Smith and Police Chief Doug Pinelli.

Mayor Davy announced that notice of this meeting has been given to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times and was posted on the door at Borough Hall and on the Borough web-site according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

Open to the Public

Mayor Davy read the following statement.

The meeting is now open to the public for comments. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. **Please raise your hand and when the Borough Administrator acknowledges you state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 2 minutes.**

There were no comments from the public.

Work Session Discussion Items

Budget Discussion – Mrs. Chandler presented an analysis of the 2024 budget which explained how the budget is distributed by department. Mrs. Chandler stated that she allocated expenses to define what percent of the municipal share of the budget pertains to each department, Finance and Administration, Public Works, Public Safety and other. Mrs. Chandler briefly reviewed the revenues anticipated in the budget as not all revenue comes from taxes. Mrs. Chandler stated that in addition to looking at reducing expenses, we need to also look at revenue sources including looking for more grants.

Resolution - Authorizing Purchase of Dump Truck – Mr. Smith explained that this truck would be a mid-size dump truck that would be better for the fleet as it could be used for more tasks than the larger dump truck. Mrs. Chandler asked if there is a listing of vehicles showing year purchased and proposed replacement years. Mr. Smith stated that it is part of his capital budget that he submitted. Ms. Stern stated that the truck was included in the capital budget.

Resolution - Purchase Server – Mrs. Sterling explained that our IT consultant recommended last year that the Borough should budget to replace our server in this year's budget. Mrs. Sterling stated that she is still waiting for the quote and we don't have it for the June meeting, but if it doesn't come in this will be on the July meeting. Mrs. Sterling stated that the server was part of the capital budget for this year and is part of the Ordinance that was recently adopted.

Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance - Waiver of Fee for Use of Kunkel Park – Ms. Angarone asked if a security deposit would be collected for this. Mrs. Sterling explained that this event is a couple hours and it is part of a series of events. Mr. Bliss stated that he would like to take a look at the Ordinance because if his premise is right, this organization would have to put up a security deposit as per the Ordinance. Mr. Bliss stated that he would review this for the June Meeting.

Review of Tentative Council Regular Agenda

Mayor Davy asked if Council Members would like to discuss any of the following items that will be on the agenda next week. Mayor Davy stated that one additional item will be added related to Emergency Management. Mayor Davy stated that we will have a resolution on to appoint Will Mullen as Executive Coordinator for the Office of Emergency Management. There was a brief discussion on the tree work at the Arboretum.

Mayor Davy announced that a resident meeting for the Baldwin Street/Baldwin Court road project has been scheduled for June 11, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Presentation - Environmental Commission

Resolution 2024-6.1 - Resolution Authorizing Refunds

Resolution 2024-6.2 - Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills

Resolution - Outdoor Dining - La Unica

Resolution - Tree Work at Arboretum (Open Space Funds)

Resolution - Truck Maintenance (State Contract)

Public Comment

Mayor Davy asked that anyone wishing to speak, please raise your hand so the Borough Clerk can acknowledge you, please state your name and address for the record and limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes.

Dan Pace of 9 Railroad Place thanked Mrs. Chandler for her presentation on the budget.

At: 7:44 PM, Council Member Angarone made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting and convene in Closed Session, second by Council Member Chandler with all members present voting in favor.

Legal Matter – Affordable Housing Compliance
Legal Matter – Sked Street Park Encroachments

Mayor and Council did not return to open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling
Borough Clerk