

Mount Pocono Borough
Budget Special Meeting Minutes
Borough Council Chambers
Tuesday, December 20, 2022
7:21 P.M.

The Mount Pocono Borough Council Budget Special Meeting held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, was called to order at 7:21 P.M. by President Don Struckle at the Borough Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance – was said by all. Also at this time he asked for a moment of silence in memory of Wanda Altemose a former Councilwoman and the Mayor's mother.

Roll Call: Councilman Norm DeLano, present; Councilwoman Debra Fulton, present; Councilwoman Ann Marie Harris, present; Vice President Lori Noonan, present; Councilwoman Ella Santiago, present; President Donald Struckle, present; Councilwoman Claudette Williams absent; and, Mayor Randy Altemose, absent.

In Attendance: Joshua Walker, Borough Manager; and, Danielle Hewitt, Treasurer.

Public Comment (agenda items only) - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consider adopting the proposed 2023 General Fund Budget, Street Improvement Budget (Road Rehab), Liquid Fuels Budget – Vice President L. Noonan moved to adopt the proposed 2023 General Fund Budget of \$2,460,716.00; the Road Rehab Budget of \$200,000.00; and, the Liquid Fuels Budget of \$104,913.69, which includes a tax increase of 1 mil with .5 mills dedicated to real estate and .5 mills dedicated to the road rehabilitation. Councilwoman D. Fulton seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider advertising a tax ordinance that increases the municipal tax by 1 mil with .5 mills dedicated to the real estate and .5 mills dedicated to the road rehabilitation – Vice President L. Noonan moved to advertise the tax ordinance that increases the municipal tax by 1 mill with .5 mills dedicated to real estate and .5 mills dedicated to the road rehabilitation. Councilman N. DeLano seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Consider approving the estimate from Kingdom Mechanical for a B and G bearing assembly and pump coupling in the amount of \$2,985.00 – Vice President L. Noonan moved approve the estimate from Kingdom Mechanical for a B and G bearing assembly and pump coupling in the amount of \$2,985.00 and to have Kingdom Mechanical make the repair as soon as possible. Councilwoman E. Santiago seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Consider advertising the date for 2023 for the Parks and Recreation – every third Thursday at 7:00 P.M. – Councilwoman D. Fulton moved to advertise the date for 2023 for the Parks and Recreation – every third Thursday, at 7:00 P.M. Vice President L. Noonan seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Vice President L. Noonan moved to authorized our Council President to have a meeting with the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority (MPMA) regarding a six (6) month lease and rent to increase to \$1,500.00 per month also if legal keep their doors open to the public. Councilman N. DeLano seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0.

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Officer Reports

President – President D. Struckle announced that the Mount Pocono Business Association gave out fifty (50) dinners to the needy from the proceeds from their Harvest Fest event. He thanked Ms. Jodi Bohdal and the committee for doing a fine job to help the community.

Borough Manager – Borough Manager J. Walker updated everyone that the leveler patch between the floors is gone and he invited everyone to take a look. He noted that he will reach out to get a time line when everything will be finished hoping it will be completed by the end of the fiscal year. He also noted the floors downstairs will be done tonight.

Public Comment – Vice President L. Noonan first congratulated the Borough Manager on the birth of his newborn son, Luca. She acknowledged the moment of silence from earlier this evening for Wanda Altemose who was on Borough Council when she was the Secretary/ Treasurer. She added that when Mrs. Altemose came onto Council there was a time of change and many challenges. Councilwoman A. Harris added that the services will be held on Tuesday, December 27th, at the Mount Pocono United Methodist Church with visitation beginning from noon followed by a celebration of life memorial service at 1:30 P.M. She also thanked President D. Struckle for all of his work for the employee luncheon. It was acknowledged that it was a very productive year and President D. Struckle noted that he appreciated everyone working together as a team.

Adjournment – There being no further business or public participation President D. Struckle adjourned the special meeting at 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Joshua Walker
Borough Manager