

## BUDGET MEETING

Mayor Robert Patten called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. and read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated that adequate notice and posting of the meeting had taken place in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

The flag salute was followed by the roll call.

### ROLL CALL

	PRESENT	ABSENT
<i>Mayor Patten</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Holtzclaw</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Laudenberger</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>		✓
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Thompson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Borough Clerk/Administrator; and William Searing, Superintendent of the Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Councilwoman Laudenberger, the agenda was unanimously approved as submitted.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present at this meeting, thus no public comment session was held.

### BUDGET DISCUSSION – WATER/SEWER BUDGET

Ms. Gallagher began by noting that the Chief Financial Officer has determined that the water-sewer utility is once again self-liquidating. This year, she said, there will be \$119,000 in available utility surplus (as compared to \$121,000 last year) and, again this year, all of that surplus will be used to support the water-sewer budget. It does not appear at this time that it will be necessary to raise water or sewer rates during 2005 or to supplement the utility budget with an appropriation from the current budget.

Mr. Searing provided a detailed review of items included in his 2005 sewer budget request. It was noted that additional engineering fees are included in this year's request as a result of certain permitting requirements that will need to be addressed. Ms. Gallagher stated that the amounts stated for certain chemicals are subject to change following receipt of bids in February. The sewer department's capital requests include a new pickup truck (to replace a 1984 model) and a new loader (to replace a 1990 model).

Ms. Gallagher then reviewed items included in the water department's budget proposal, noting that the amount budgeted for electricity was increased due to the new third well.

Upon completion of the review, adjournment was moved by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Councilwoman Laudenberger and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC  
Borough Clerk