

## BUDGET MEETING

Mayor Robert Patten called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 Laudenberger</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Quattrone</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Sackowitz</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Schneider</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Sikorski</i>	✓	
<i>Councilmember Thompson</i>	✓	

Also in attendance: Candace Gallagher, Borough Clerk/Administrator.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Patten opened the floor for public comment.

**Eugene Sarafin**, 600-628 South Main Street, stated that in the past 10 years, his taxes have doubled. He predicted that the overall tax rate would increase by 50 cents in 2005 and suggested that the police department be dissolved. He objected to using surplus funds from the water sewer budget to fund the local budget.

No one else came forward and the floor was closed.

### BUDGET DISCUSSION

Council engaged in a review and general discussion of the budget, during which it was determined that:

- \$2,000 would be added to "legal services" to fund the beginning of work on in-rem foreclosures needed in order to take possession of several properties of unknown ownership in the Borough. It is Council's intention to provide funding in the 2006 budget as well. Work would begin toward the end of 2005 and span both years.

- \$6,000 would be included under legal services for a special consultant for contract negotiations.
- \$20,000 would be budgeted for gasoline and diesel fuel, equivalent to last year's budgeted amount.

Adjournment was moved by Councilman Sikorski, seconded by Councilwoman Laudenberg and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Candace B. Gallagher, RMC  
Borough Clerk