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Upper Darby Township Council

Second Budget Hearing

November 13th, 2019

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Budget Hearing 302-327

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A special meeting of Upper Darby Township Council was held on Wednesday evening, November 13th, 2019 approximately five minutes after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled 7:00 meeting in the Council Meeting Room #202 of the Municipal Building, Long Lane and Garrett Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

**Call of the Meeting**

Members of Council  
Upper Darby Township  
Pennsylvania

Dear Members of Council:

There will be a special meeting of the Upper Darby Township Council on Wednesday evening, November 13th, 2019 approximately five minutes after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled meeting in the Council Meeting Room #202 of the Municipal Building, Long Lane and Garrett Road, Upper Darby, Pennsylvania for the following purposes:

1) Public Hearing for the purpose of review of the budget for the fiscal Year 2020.  
2) For all other purposes necessary or incidental thereto.

**Roll Call**

Donald P. Bonnett, Thomas P. Wagner, Jacob A. Bierling Jr., Sekela Coles, Robert Gwin, Barbarann Keffer, Marc Manfre, Lisa Faraglia, Sheikh M. Siddique, Patrick Spellman, Laura Wentz

Mr. Bonnett: At this time, I will turn the meeting over to the Chair of the Finance Committee, Councilman Wagner.

Councilman Wagner summarized the budget process and asked Council President Donald Bonnett to conduct a Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you Tom. At this time, Council will convene the first Public Hearing on the proposed 2020 Township Budget. Anyone who wishes to address Council, please come to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

**Speakers**

Dolores Lombardi, 29 S. Kirklyn Avenue  
Gerald Harrison, 29 S. Kirklyn Avenue  
Richard Blye, 274 Kent Road
Bonnie Hallam, 4719 Woodland Avenue
Howard Sherman, 7224 Lamport Road
Jennifer Hallam, 4719 Woodland Avenue
Kyle McIntyre, 1040 Drexel Avenue
Julian Mattiello, 511 Orchard Way, Lansdowne

Ms. Lombardi: My name is Dolores Lombardi. I live at 29 S. Kirklyn Avenue in Upper Darby. I have a couple of questions about the budget. The first one is, how much money is specifically set aside for the purchase of trees, that is trees for the municipal and for trees for the streets? Does anyone know? Because I am a member of the Upper Darby Shade Tree Committee, as you might know, and I don’t know how much money we have for trees and we’ve been spending less each year. We only bought about 15 trees in the spring and about 12 in the fall. I filed a right to know request last year to find out what the budget was for the Upper Darby Shade Tree Commission about purchasing trees and I didn’t get a response so I waited a couple of months and filed a right to know again and I still didn’t get a response. So, I want to make sure that when you’re drawing up the budget for this year that you have a specific number for the purchasing of trees.

Person replying not speaking into microphone

Ms. Lombardi: Right. There is one number that says for tree removal and planting but it has never been clear to me how much money we can spend specifically for purchasing trees. If what I’m saying is correct that we bought 27 trees for $50, then we spent $1850 for trees and I see a need for more. At the last Shade Tree Committee, I brought pictures of at least 8-10 spots where trees were needed. That is at the schools, on Long Lane and more places and I don’t think we had enough money to buy them so I just want to make sure that this year we actually have a sum for purchasing trees separate from just removal of trees.

Mayor Micozzie: Has the tree commission submitted a formal request for the amount of dollars that they wanted?

Ms. Lombardi: I’m not sure. At the last meeting, we didn’t discuss anything on that.

Mayor Micozzie: If you made a recommendation-----------------

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Ms. Lombardi: I would suggest that we actually put aside $5000 for trees out of that $28,000 for next year.

Mr. Manfre: Does that $28,000 include our tree crew going out and removing?

Mr. McMullan: No.
Mr. Manfre: It doesn’t? So, that’s in the Leisure Services budget.

Could not understand speakers. Multiple speakers speaking at one time.

Ms. Lombardi: So, I would just like a separate line item for purchasing trees as opposed to removing trees. And the other thing, I’d like to suggest that we consider hiring an arborist for the Township. I see that as a need. We have a lot of aging trees that need to be preserved or consider what needs to be taken down. We also need somebody who is going to have a lot of background knowledge and be creative at finding solutions for planting in different types of area like parks and little neighborhood places; someone who would help find the right tree for the right place for the Township. Also, that type of person might be instrumental in helping us find grants so that we can do larger scale type plantings in the Township. And, my third point is that something that is now descending upon Upper Darby is the spotted lantern fly. More people are seeing them this year which means that they are laying many eggs now this fall so they’re going to be very prolific next year. They have been killing and wiping out many trees in areas so as we’re thinking of budgets, we should look at how we’re going to deal with the lantern flies. Where there is money. Perhaps there are grants or perhaps there is assistance from the County or the State but it’s something to be thinking about because I think that next year all that we saw this year are going to be multiplying. And, I don’t know how many people on their own are going to be taking care of them. I found lantern flies in my maple tree this week so I am going to have it treated but they’re going to be in all of my neighbor’s trees who aren’t necessarily going to have them treated so it’s going to be a big problem. It’s something that we have to think about.

Mr. Bonnett: Does anyone else wish to address Council?

Mr. Harrison: Gerald Harrison, 29 S. Kirklyn Avenue, Upper Darby. Tonight I’d like to make a request that there be some specific allocation for trash cans and maintenance trash cans. There is a photograph coming around. This is as recent as last Saturday. We had a clean-up downtown by 69th Street station and there was a particular location where there was a remnant of a metal structure supporting for a trash can which was no longer there. My wife and I came down there and cleaned up one side of Market Street there between Copley which I believe is the name of the street and 69th Street. This location that you’re seeing a picture of is on the other side right there by 69th Street station. You see 2 big cement flower pots and what I refer to as the metal structure remnant, a receptacle for a trash can. So, we put a trash can in there and a liner. We cleaned out those 2 cement pots, put some topsoil in there, put some winter cabbages in there and-------that was all done except for the labor for less than $25. The question is now will it be maintained? This is why I’m specifically saying that it’s not just enough to have the trash cans is the main thrust of what I want to show with this. You see what happens is that you put a trash can receptacle there and they ended up using flower pots. So, that has to be done. I’m specifically asking for money. I would recommend strongly that on the other side, opposite of where that picture is taken where all the stores are, that there be at least 3-5
serious trash cans that are bolted to the cement and most importantly, someone has to maintain them. It is not enough, obviously, to just put trash cans out there, that just quickly overflow so they have to be maintained.

Mayor Micozzie: Doesn’t the flower pots get done twice a year by, I can’t think of the guy’s name.

Mr. McMullan: They’re from Leisure Services. They get done……

Mayor Micozzie: This is on the SEPTA side? We did talk to SEPTA and they said that they were going to replace them and add a few because there is a big stretch there. On the other side, we pick the trash up twice a day on the entire block and Long Lane. How often does Community Service clean that street? Every Saturday and Sunday and Tuesday and Thursdays?

Mr. McMullan: Once a week and 2 times over the weekend.

Mayor Micozzie: We can try to get Community Service here.

Mr. Harrison: The other point is that if SEPTA could be encouraged to be a good resident and do its job because those pictures were taken from our car waiting at the red light there. I checked the traffic study for West Chester Pike and something like 24,000 vehicles a day travel there. That’s around a million people a month who drive right through that. That is an advertisement. It can be a really nice advertisement by keeping that whole area really clean. I know I spoke with you, Mr. Mayor, about how a smart bus stop was a great advertisement. I think that understanding works everywhere. And in that particular area which has so often been an eyesore, just a blighted area, it’s like a great big billboard of Upper Darby, one way or the other so I say let’s make it good and let’s have some money included in this upcoming budget earmarked for that so it would be a real improvement.

Mayor Micozzie: I also think-------------

Mr. Harrison: I checked this budget proposal and I couldn’t find it so it might be under a name that I didn’t recognize.

Mayor Micozzie: There is Capital money in the Capital Budget for trash cans in the 5 years coming up.

Mr. Harrison: To me, to do it right isn’t going to be cheap but a very strong statement for Upper Darby is relatively inexpensive to keep that area really sharp.

Mayor Micozzie: The design of the trash cans we’re going to get does not allow the apartments to put their trash in ---------
Mr. Harrison: Thank you.

Mr. Wagner: Mr. Harrison, thank you for what you’re doing. The things you’ve done and the evidence you’ve shown to us are significant improvements to the appearance of our community so thank you.

Mr. Harrison: Thank you and I have maintained those. If anyone drives by Brighton Avenue or State Street some months ago. If you see red tape, that’s me!

Mr. Gwin: I have a question relative to this. I understand that this is SEPTA’s property area. Are these supposed to be SEPTA’s cans and SEPTA’s responsibility and what communication have we received from them about what they’re planning to do for this maintenance? Or, does it fall on us?

Mayor Micozzie: When we originally did the 69th Street gateway, SEPTA was involved with that and we did it jointly. It was part of the whole process.

Mr. Gwin: And, what is their commitment?

Mayor Micozzie: 8----------

Mr. Gwin: And the maintenance?

Mayor Micozzie: People maintain it themselves.

Ms. Coles: So, we see that they aren’t maintained so what can we do more immediately rather than have to wait for the Capital budget and assessing every single trashcan in the Township.

Mayor Micozzie: 8----------I don’t know. When they went out to do that, did they include that in SEPTA’s 8------? We had a conversation about this8----------but they do maintain most of them. There are 5, I think. Two in front of the bridge, 1 alongside 8----------.

Ms. Coles: But, who is our liaison with SEPTA? Who do we communicate with because I know it has come up a lot of times when we talk about 69th Street, either this side of the other side of the bridge or the side that goes towards Millbourne but it doesn’t seem like we’re getting a lot of support or feedback or partnership back from SEPTA to address these issues. It’s kind of like you know how the code inspectors fine or ticket property owners if this was left like this in front of somebody’s house for months or a year. I don’t know why there isn’t any retribution for SEPTA to not maintain their trash or even the flower pots.

Mr. Harrison: I’ll follow up. You took my next question. What happens, because this is
not hidden stuff by any stretch of the imagination. Those areas need to be taken care of. Everybody can see it so what stops, you know, if somebody is on duty that sees that place getting messy goes out there and does it like I do it when I do it. You see it getting messy, I know for me, I just pull the car over and if necessary I get a new trash liner. I keep them in the car with red tape and I just change the bag right then and there. I do not let it get anything like that ever. Someone has to do it and there should be some sort of penalty or a series of warnings and then a penalty, which I would recommend, even to SEPTA. They can’t let it get like that. It’s obvious that you can’t leave it like that.

Ms. Coles: I think this has been an ongoing topic even before with wanting to be in communication with SEPTA when it came to maintenance or snow removal and we’re going tit for tat with the SEPTA side vs. the Township side and they don’t even keep their side clean. I just think it would be a win-win with some type of partnership with SEPTA and the business owners right there in 69th Street area and the Township to talk very seriously about who is going to be responsible for the maintenance, the cleaning and financially, who is going to do the upkeep? When I talked to business owners on the other side I might say “Who do you have sweeping? This is dirty and I’m receiving complaints.” They might say that they pay somebody to sweep twice a day but then people going by are littering so it’s not fair to the business owners to be cited for the upkeep of the front of the property. But, broken trashcans?

Ms. Wentz: And actually, to tie off of that, when you’re walking across from the little SEPTA parking lot and the trolley, that whole area is covered in trash.

Mr. Bonnett: I think we need to get back to the budget. The point is well made that we need to do something.

Mr. Gwin: Who would be the contact at SEPTA?

Mayor Micozzie: I have his info.

Multiple people speaking at once

Mayor Micozzie reiterated that there is always an effort to maintain the clean-up of trash but it is an ongoing issue with people throwing trash. He also stated that money doesn’t solve everything and that education will go a long way, and citing people about cleaning up their properties would be more effective. We need communication to be effective.

Mr. Bonnett: Does anyone else with to address Council?

Mr. Blye: Richard Blye, 274 Kent Road. Good evening everyone. I wanted to ask about in the budget for social programs as far as jobs for our youth in the Township. Mr. Mayor, you and I have talked about this at length about jobs for kids. Exactly how much is budgeted for those programs for the kids and which jobs are available for the youth?
Mayor Micozzi: In Summer programs, we have tot lots with youth counselors in there. We have summer trash help and we also have Parks help. There may be 1-2 in the police academy who maybe want to work in the Police Dept. And, there is some staff in here maybe for some filing or something like that.

Mr. McMullan: I don't have exact numbers right now but there is money in the budget for summer help. There are various opportunities in the Township.

Mr. Blye: In this budget as well as future budgets, will the communication be strengthening so that everyone has an opportunity to know exactly what is spent and exactly what is going into areas like the 6th so that our kids can get these opportunities as well because I know a lot of the kids who knew nothing about summer employment.

Mr. McMullan: I can't comment on that. I don't know how that is....... 

Mr. Blye: I just also want to say that I was also out at the clean-up this past weekend in the 6th and there is lots of opportunity to shift some money through the budget to get these things done. There about the same for the past 3/2 years. Until you educate the people, they won't know. You can fine anybody you want. You can put new Ordinances. But, the problem in our Township, again, is that there is a lack of focus on the education of a lot of people and cultures. Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you.

Ms. Keffer: I have a question for John McMullan. When do you start accepting applications for the tot lot positions? In April?

Mr. McMullan: April.

Ms. Keffer: And, are they available at the office?

Mr. Bonnett: We always encourage people who are interested in having their child placed in a position here, to contact their Councilperson or an At-Large Councilperson to express that interest. We as Council people will convey that message to the Administration.

Ms. Wentz: Is it possible that when that time starts, you can bring some of those applications to the Council meetings so that the parents can take it back to their communities? That would be really helpful.

Mr. Manfre: I just want to point something out that these questions are all great and our playground program, John correct me if I'm wrong, has ------ in terms of participation from neighborhood kids which in turn---------- I know at the Observatory, we didn't have a playground program this year or the last 2 because of the lack of participation. Just a point of reference that there are also hiring opportunities. I don't know whether Harry does it on his own but there is Summer Stage and there are a lot of programs for people who want to
get into the arts and entertainment end of it. We do have youngsters helping out at various camps helping the coaches.

Mr. Gwin: You have under Leisure Service $500,000 budgeted there for seasonal salaries, recreation.

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Ms. Wentz: Does the $500,000 for seasonal salaries include the $50,000 for Summer Stage? Just wanted to make sure that was still included.

Mayor Micozzie: That money is in there.

Ms. Wentz: OK, good. Just wanted to make sure that the $50,000 was in the equation. The one from last year indicated that the $50,000 was for Summer Stage so that wasn’t in the notes so I wasn’t sure where it was. Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Next speaker please.

Ms. Hallam: Bonnie Hallam, 4719 Woodland Avenue. I’ve been here before talking about the playgrounds and the parks and I just want to make sure that there is some funding in the budget. I know that you’ve gotten some grants to do some renovations in the parks and stuff like that and I wanted to check on whether the 6th and 7th is scheduled to do some of that and if not, could you re-allocate some money to make sure that the playgrounds in the 6th and 7th are updated and revitalized.

Mr. McMullan: The grant that we just recently were informed about from the County include McKinley…..

Ms. Coles: McKinley is in the 7th.

Mr. McMullan: Yes, I’m sorry. So, that will be Capital money that is used for the project. The 2nd Ward ----------------------

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Ms. Hallam: So, how would that money get allocated to a park if somebody was to come to you and say “hey, I’d like some funding for this particular park?”

Mr. McMullan: For Capital improvements?

Ms. Hallam: The funding that you just talked about.

Mr. McMullan: Yes if it’s something that needs to be replaced……
Ms. Hallam: I was also at the clean-up and one of the community members said she had been driving out of the Township to go to a park because the parks where she was, she wouldn’t let her kids play in there. I think we should see if we can get that taken care of. And, one more thing, during the clean-up, one of the things that we have to be especially careful about here in Upper Darby especially in the 69th Street area is stormwater management and in cleaning up, there was a lot of debris in the grate where the water goes through and they were all clogged up so when trash goes in it and leaves get in it then it gets to be not available for water. So, just making sure that those grates are really cleaned out so that when we get those big rains, there is someplace for the water to go. Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Does anyone else with to address Council?

Mr. Sherman: Howard Sherman, 7224 Lamport Road. Last month, I attended a meeting for the EAC and I told them about an organization called The Climate Mayor’s Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative and they asked me to do some research on this and present it to them and what I found was important enough that I want to bring it to your attention. It turns out that the Purchasing Collaborative has hundreds of Mayors, towns and cities of all sizes all across the country in its membership. What they do is they get together and arrange the purchase of electric vehicles for their municipalities on a collaborative basis so they achieve savings by quantity. They are able to get the requirements for municipal fleets into those vehicles by modifying them. So, I thought this report was extremely important and I wanted to bring it to your attention tonight.

Mayor Micozzie: Is that part of the Mayor’s Conference, the USA’s Mayors Conference?

Mr. Sherman: I believe this is separate as far as I know. In connection with that, I’d like to suggest 2 budget amendments; number 1, fact finding for prospective vehicle purchases for the Township fleet shall include a comparison of electric vehicles, meaning battery, electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in the same class and category as fossil fuel powered vehicles being considered for purchase. The fact finding process should contain enough information about battery, electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles to provide a thorough comparison of the features and benefits of each and the purchasing decisions shall be made on the basis of that comparison. That’s my first suggested budget amendment. I’m suggesting that the research be done and the comparison be made to the advantage of the Township. I’m not suggesting that all the electric vehicles should be purchased. I’m saying that the comparison should be made. My suggested budget amendment #2 is that when considering vehicle purchases for the Township fleet, Township officials responsible for those purchases shall obtain information from the Climate Mayor’s PV Purchasing Collaborative as I documented my research report regarding possible advantages of purchasing electric vehicles through the Collaborative. In other words, it would pay the Township to do the research to contact them and find out what they have to offer. Let me tell you what got me started on this; last summer I was walking by Gilbert Park which is just down the block from me and there was a Township
grounds crew mowing the lawn and cleaning up and they had their vehicle, which was a Ford F-350, sitting there and nobody was in it and it was idling. They left the motor on and they went to do their business. They’d been there for at least a half hour and they were going to be there for some more time. I talked to one of the crew and they told me that they always leave the motor on when it’s a short job. Why? I don’t know. It was sitting there idling. There was nobody in the cab and the crew was out doing their business. That produces toxic pollutants that all of us have to breathe and equally important, it wastes our money! It wastes your money and it wastes my money. I’ve seen that happen with other department vehicles too and I think it’s time that we make a change. We should do electric vehicles and catch up with the times. Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you. Does anyone else wish to address Council?

Ms. Hallam: Good evening. I’m Jennifer Hallam, 4719 Woodland Avenue, Drexel Hill. Just tacking on to what Howard just said, I just read an extensive study earlier this week which talked about police forces that were slowly shifting over to electric vehicles. It’s a huge cost savings. It’s a little bit more up front but over time, even just swapping out a couple of cars can make a really big difference. So, I second what Howard said.

Mayor Micozzie: -------There’s really no cost. That could be a Council Resolution. All of the money is in Capital for all of the vehicles so we can take anything to be able to do a study -----------. That’s just a policy decision.

Ms. Hallam: But, that is not what I came up here to talk about so I will, I have 1 question. In the Expenses budget for 2020, it’s line 01.487.70, the General Fund, and the item is refunded real estate OPT and then there is an abbreviation “Merc”. I’m not really sure what that stands for but there is a $100,000 budgeted for 2020. I did receive the actuals for 2019 this week from Mr. Judge and that line item was also budgeted for $100,000 last year in 2019 and the current date expenditures is almost $712,000 so there is a negative $600,000 in that line and I’m just wondering if someone could explain to me. The Department is listed as General Fund and its Fund 01, Department 487, Account 70. I’m just wondering what that is and why we had a $612,000 shortfall.

Mr. McMullan: The reassessment amount that we have to pay --------Delaware County Hospital -------purchased by a private partner that when they purchased it, they approached the County about a reassessment. The courts determined that the property needed to be reassessed ---------. Could not understand tape.

Ms. Hallam: So, I’m just wondering if it makes sense for us to continuing budgeting that for $100,000 if there is a possibility that we’re going to be $600,000 below what we actually.....I mean, I understand that it will vary from year to year but it sounds like it’s not accounting for...

Mr. McMullan: In past years, ------------unusual situation of we tried to take just an
inventory of what we-------and we still -------about $100,000.
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Mr. Wagner: It’s very difficult to predict.

Ms. Hallam: Yes, I understand that. Thank you for explaining that. So, the last thing, actually 2 more quick things I want to talk about; one is that I had asked last week, I had made a request to Mr. Judge that the draft budget be placed online so it is more accessible to the public and he, I’m sure as you all noticed, was specifically against this idea. I did send him instructions on how to watermark his notes on a PDF so he could share it with people and make it obvious that it is a draft budget and encouraged him then to share that with the public via website. I have not checked the website but I’m pretty sure that that probably has not happened and I just want to encourage you, the Council members, and the people who are running the Budget Hearing to in the future make sure that that document is more available to the public. If anyone else would like some tips on how to adjust PDF’s, I’m happy to give them to you. My last thing is that, I had spoken last week about ADA compliance. After I left this meeting, I did go home and do some research about ADA and Title 2 and as a result of that research, I submitted a right-to-know request to Mr. Judge asking for 4 things; the last self-evaluation that the Township has done of accessibility; the follow-up plan to that report; the name of the coordinator of accessibility compliance which is required by a Township of our size under Title 2 of the ADA; the formal grievance process for ADA non-compliance, which is also required to be published by Title 2 under the ADA and also asked what accessibility services were available during public meetings such as this one to community members. I received a letter in the mail saying that it would take 30 days to process that right-to-know request. Other than the report and the follow-up which I understand might take time to find and communicate, I find it kind of bizarre that this is not immediately available, like who our ADA compliance person is given that we are required by law to have one or what that formal grievance process would be or what accessibility options there would be for community members to participate in. So, back to the budget. Now, I don’t know whether we have any of those things or not. I know that we are required by law to have them and I know that there is currently, based on what you told me last week, no money in this budget to deal with accessibility issues. So, I would strong urge and encourage you to find some money, whether it is in some of those miscellaneous line items. There are some other places where the actuals are not meeting up with the budget from last year. We can take a hard look and see if there is money somewhere that we can put towards making sure that members of our community with disabilities are fully enfranchised and can fully participate in our processes. Thank you.

Mayor Micozzie: ---------------work on the community accessibility. We were audited in 17 and 18, the entire Township. We got some recommendations. Offhand, I can tell you it was a parking spot out back, there was parking out front of the building. Out in the parks, there was one too. What we do in the community is which I’m going to have something ----------------but we have no authority to go out and tell somebody to do
something unless……

Ms. Hallam: Thank you for that information. I appreciate it and I will follow up with him to find out more about that. I also think there is the letter of the law and then what we as a community value and where we want to put our money and what we want to do above and beyond what is required. I think a budget and I think I’ve said this before Council is a reflection of values. That is what a budget is; what we prioritize, where we put our money and I think that even if we are in compliance with ADA right now, which again I don’t know because I don’t have those reports right in front of me, I think that we should be thinking about in general how we can make our community more accessible.

Mr. Bonnett: Jeff Gentile does enforce the state-wide Building Code which has a provision in it to comply with accessibility requirements. There is a whole division of the Building Code that requires that all construction projects that have a permit in this town have to meet these requirements as well. There is a parallel between those departments and the ADA. These kinds of requirements are enforced by the Township.

Ms. Hallam: That’s good to know and I’m really glad to know that. I would also suggest speaking of putting things online that we put some information about accessibility on our website because I did search the website to find out who is in charge of that information and to find out anything about what accessibility services are available to community members. I was unable to find anything on the website. If it is there, it is not easy to get to so I would just suggest that maybe that information be made more available so that people who are in need of aid can find it more readily.

Mayor McCozze: Those kinds of suggestions would fit right into the Capital Budget. That’s where……

Ms. Hallam: That would be fine too. The other thing is that, I know in terms of grants and things like that that the more accessible we are, the easier it is to get grants to do additional work. So, thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you. Does anyone else with to address Council?

Mr. McIntyre: Hi. Kyle McIntyre, 1040 Drexel Avenue. So, when I last came up here, I talked a lot about a bunch of ideas that the community had to improve things. I just wanted to shout out a thank-you to everyone who came out to the sanitation Saturday. It was a big success. But, I came to you guy with a lot of suggestions and you know that one of the worst things to do is to come with suggestions with absolutely no way to pay for things. It’s probably the most annoying thing in government. So, I’ll go into the budget. One of the things that I was noticing a lot was miscellaneous fund items. There is not much detail given as to what exactly those miscellaneous funds go to and you actually find a lot of them, you would think go to office supplies or printing. A lot of those actually have dedicated line items so it begs the question as to what those miscellaneous line items
go into. Based on that, I kind of came up with the proposal, which is not really a crazy thing because a lot of governments do, is to freeze miscellaneous funding at usually like half the levels of a previous year and let the department have to come and request more funding as the year goes throughout. They would still have some miscellaneous funds but if you total it up, excluding fire and police because just leave them alone, you can get upwards of $31,000 freed up in the budget for other programs. And, as we were talking, there’s a lot of very important issues like ADA, sanitation. That $31,000 can go a long way to a lot of those projects. It’s just a simple thing and wouldn’t be taking away any money specifically from any department. It would just be trimming the fat of excess spending in government. So, unless you guys can give me any examples of what these miscellaneous funds are going towards?

People moving and shuffling papers making it extremely difficult to hear the speaker. Also, some speakers may not be close enough to a microphone

? It depends on each department what their miscellaneous funds are being used for. ------- --a new technology that wasn’t forecasted in the proposed budget so------------------------. It may not be something that we are aware of.

Mr. McIntyre: That’s also why though I just want to point out that in my proposal that I’m making to Council, like do not include fire and police in the miscellaneous freeze because their money is very well used and especially, even though it is miscellaneous, I guarantee that it is going to be used for the benefit of the community the money that they are getting from our budget. I’m just more or less talking about other departments, just like random, like some of the ones that came up are…..

Mayor Micozzie: Administration, I know that……

Mr. McIntyre: Yeah, but there are other miscellaneous……..

Mayor Micozzie: On clean up Saturday, every Council has had clean-ups and they want gloves, bags, rakes, shovels. We don’t have a line item that says it’s for a festival or trash cans....... 

Mr. McIntyre: Would it significantly impact the functions of the government if it was freezed at half and then you could request more of that funding to be freed up if the issue was important. I assume you guys would pass an Ordinance or a Motion through Council to free up more of that money. So, in that case, would it impact……

Mayor Micozzie: The problem is that if you put it in half and then you----------where you cut it and you’re suggesting half, you have to go back to Council to do it and if the Councilperson wants ----------we can’t take it from another department. It has to stay in the department. There comes a point that you are trusting directors to run their department in an efficient manner. The Treasurer was here and we brought it pretty tight on a lot of
these budget. We don’t just haphazardly throw money around. Somebody needs this, somebody needs that, a park clean up, whatever…..

Mr. McIntyre: I agree but based on …

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Mr. Bonnett: Thank you. Does anyone else with to address Council on the proposed Budget?

Mr. Mattiello: Good evening. My name is Julian Mattiello and I live at 511 Orchard Way, Lansdowne. My question is and I don’t know whether this is the appropriate forum, because it rose in conjunction with looking at the budget, I looked at the audits and the selection of the auditing firm has been the same firm for a very long time and I wonder if there is some thought, or if somebody like myself as a community member, can spur the Council to select a different firm for the upcoming year. I actually went and looked at some other local government entities and looked at their accounting documents, their audits, and I actually found their firms produced what I would consider to be a more transparent type audit that was easier to read. It was easier to understand and the formatting was a little bit better so I came here to request that Council do something about selecting in an intelligent, forward thinking way, a new, independent auditing firm.

Mayor Micozzie: Is the substance the problem or is the reading the problem? There is a government audit that tells you how to produce audits. I’m trying to figure out what you mean.

Mr. Mattiello: I understand that. I’ve been on the AICPA website. They have an office for better governmental auditing and there is a full list of suggestions for how to maintain the independency of your auditing firm and things like that. It seems to me that hiring the same auditing firm year after year after year is not really productive to the independence of the firm relative to the small government auditee. So, I don’t know how the budget works in terms of selecting the firm or whether or not that is something that becomes embedded in the budget when it passes or not.

Mayor Micozzie: Council selects the auditing firm.

Mr. Mattiello: The Council does independently? OK, so then I will request that several local firms be investigated for the appropriateness of their auditing function and that by no means should the same firm be selected again for the upcoming year.

Mayor Micozzie: You’re saying every year we should have a different firm?

Mr. Mattiello: No. I’m not saying that. But, I’m saying that having the same firm, and what’s available online is from 2012 to 2017 and all of them are done by the same firm.
Mr. Bonnett: Will you say your name again? I didn’t get it.

Mr. Mattiello: My name is Julian Mattiello.

Mr. Bonnett: Thank you.

Mr. Mattiello: Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Does anyone else with to address Council? Seeing no one else to address Council.....

Ms. Keffer: I have some questions.

Mr. Bonnett: I just want to close the Public Hearing and then feel free to comment if you want. At this time, we will therefore close the 2nd Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget.

Ms. Keffer: First, a point of order. So, if I make some comments, that is not part of the Public Hearing?

Mr. Bonnett: It’s on record.

Ms. Keffer: It’s on record? OK. I thought the Hearing part was closed. So, last year, I expressed my concerns with our huge unfunded healthcare liability and the Administration said that at the time, they operate on a pay as you go basis. I’m wondering if that is still reflected in this year’s budget.

Mayor Micozzie: Yes. We have no ---------. Nobody came forward and said to do something else so.........

Ms. Keffer: I said something last year.

Mayor Micozzie: Did you bring anybody here? Did you tell the Council, not the Administration? We believe that pay as you go is the process--------That’s what we believe. I know in our audits, people we talk to and you’re talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars---------To do that amount of money, you’re into hundreds of thousands of dollars to be able to -------I think Bob came in with somebody from Maryland. Our person said pay as you go.

Mr. Wagner: It’s been our information that most municipalities do it on a pay as you go basis and furthermore, to do it otherwise as you’re suggesting, clearly everybody should have their eyes wide open to the fact that what you’re suggesting would impose a very substantial burden on this year’s taxpayers in Upper Darby Township. Before you do what you are suggesting, make sure they know that, please!
Mayor Micozzi: We didn’t get this clear last year. Our firefighter’s contract, our police contract, we cut back on buying out overtime. They have an opportunity to buy out time as existing time in today’s hours. As vacations come up, they buy out as opposed to letting it sit on the books. We reduced it from, I think way back, it was 280 hours and now it’s down to 180 or 160, I think it is for the new ones. So, in the contractual obligations, we have cut down from years past, way before I was here; they would give Kelly Days and things like that. You’ll start to see those reflections as retirees start going out. 60 and out, for police officers instead of people staying here to 67. It adds up. Those things do occur. I hear you but again, unless somebody changes anything, the last I checked the information I had there is not one municipality in Delaware County that--------on a future payout. It sounds good but our debt service is huge and our pensions are funded. We are still in the green area. We are still middle moderate and we’re not in trouble and if we fund it right, we have the ability to buy out time future wise. When they go out, they’re not going out right now. So, if someone wants to make a recommendation.

Ms. Keffer: So, this is the situation that is a long time coming. I have a report from September 2013 and it says that the Township finances OPEB, which is Other Post Employment Benefits on a pay as you go basis. The $193.67 million unfunded actuarial accrued liability is based on the initial biennial plan actuarial evaluation. In fiscal 2012, Upper Darby Township’s OPEB annual required contribution was $20.8 million of which it contributed $3 million. So, it looks like at least from that point, we’re not funding…I’m not sure who requires the contribution but we put in 3 and we needed to have 20. So, if we keep doing that, the bill will be due at some point to the taxpayers and I believe that it puts our firefighters and police and municipal contracted workers, it puts their healthcare at some point in jeopardy. In Swarthmore, they have a separate fund where they put any extra tax money they have to try and cushion their OPEB liability and Radnor, as we discussed last year, has chosen to dedicate a trust to that. They have their plan which they formulated a number of years ago.

Mayor Micozzi: But they stopped it.

Ms. Keffer: I don’t know that they stopped it.

Mayor Micozzi: ----------My Administration believes that as the numbers come from the state auditor that tells you how much money has to be put into that program by the state to make it solvent. That’s where the $3 million comes from. It comes in and says police and fire, municipal funding, all three numbers come from them and this is your contribution mandated.

Mr. Gwin: The liability does. That’s the $20 million based on the actuarial requirements that you set up with the pension plan.

Mayor Micozzi: The answer was where does the $3 million come from? The $3 million is mandated by the state to make sure that your pension fund is solvent in the moderate
state.

Mr. Gwin: You’re mixing things up in my mind. Maybe I’m not understanding clearly. You’re talking about OPEB which is not the pension plan but it is like a pension in the fact that you need to fund it. You can’t wait until you kick the can down the road so the guy comes up and says “I want to be paid for my health insurance,” which is what it is.

Mr. Bierling: I think last year when we talked about this, I think I gave everybody a copy of ------and we said it would be about 16%, so the 2018 millage was $20.95. To increase it to 16% would take it to $25.74 so the average house with a $102,000 assessment would increase in taxes $488.58. It’s a problem and it’s a problem throughout the municipalities. One of the problems when we talk about the pensions and I sit on the employee’s pension board is that these people understand that there might be a problem down the road. Defined pensions are going by the wayside. They made adjustments to increase the age. They’ve done a number of things. At one time, there was something there that you could actually get more years than what you had. They changed all that because they realized that there is a problem.

Ms. Keffer: So, I just want to point out that this bill will be coming to the taxpayers at some point and it could be in the near future. And, when I think about this and the fact that the Administration has applied for the Strategic Management Planning Program, which is not a new program; it is re-branded from the Early Intervention Program, which is under Act 47. I am just not in agreement with pay as you go. So, that’s all I want to say.

Mayor Micozzie: You’ll have an opportunity next year to change it, that’s for sure.

Mr. McIntyre: So you’re saying that it’s more money that we’ll have to pay if we change it.

Mayor Micozzie: The taxpayers.

Mr. McIntyre: Right. I thought the whole thing is that we wanted to keep taxes down.

Ms. Keffer: I believe we have obligations that we have made to our Police, Fire and Municipal workers who are under contract and we made that as a community, I guess, so the bill will be due. We’ll see what happens. We’re talking about this year’s budget.

Mayor Micozzie: I’ve met with every Police and Fire Pension and the management firms are running it well and maintain a moderate statement. If we were sliding in the opposite direction, I may tend to sit down and agree with you. But, when it comes to buying out future debt that is unavoidable, for sure, but to put those dollars in without making a dent in here? It would be like 2050 by the time you’d be able to do --------I think what bothers me most about it is when you put that money in there and we could go totally bankrupt or have the most major catastrophe and that could never be touched. That’s one of the
problems with locking up that money like that. No one else could touch it and that’s a problem.

Ms. Keffer: Yes, in a trust. You’re right. That’s why Swarthmore has just a separate fund that they dedicate to it.

Mayor Micozzie: I agree with what you’re saying. I looked into that. We asked that question. You can’t hide it. It is what it is. If it’s their money, then they’re going to claim that it’s their money and you can’t touch that. If you’re going to set it up for that purpose, the right thing to do is to say what the purpose is and include it in program. You shouldn’t hide it around like if you put it over here, it’s kind of for that but the purpose of the trust is to make sure it’s there. I agree with what you’re saying that we should live up to our obligations, but we have never failed our obligations to our employees. Our contracts allow us to purchase their retirements today. They could be bought out in another year or maybe another 2 years----------. So, it’s not like we have to write that check today.
Some of the firefighters and police pensions----------. I understand your point but let’s agree to disagree.

Mr. Bonnett: Any further questions?

Ms. Wentz: OK. So, I spent some time going through the expense side of the budget and I have a bunch of questions. So, on the Movies/Community Events, I just want to verify what is included in that. Is the International Festival in that or does the International Festival have its own line item?

Mayor Micozzie: The purpose of the Movie account was that each Council person could run a movie night for the kids in their districts at the schools once a year. That’s why the program was established.

Ms. Wentz: So, it’s only really for movies, not for community events as well?

Mayor Micozzie: That line is for movies.

Ms. Wentz: Because it also says “community events.” On the line item on the 2nd page, 01.405.460/meetings and conventions. What are the conventions that it applies to? Are they conventions that the Mayor goes to?

Mayor Micozzie: The Mayor has never been to a convention.

Ms. Wentz: I’m just curious what kind of conventions. Are they conventions that we host here?

Mayor Micozzie: Where is that?
Ms. Wentz: It’s on the 2nd page. CAO……

Mayor Micozzie: Tom just went up to receive an award for the Parks Department. It’s not conventions like you’re thinking of. It’s meetings.

Ms. Wentz: So, we don’t actually use those funds?

Mayor Micozzie: Just a line item…..

Ms. Wentz: In case it was needed?

Mayor Micozzie: I think 1978 was the last time we went to a convention.

Ms. Wentz: So then, just a little bit further down under Administration, part time seasonal. Why did it jump a full $10,000? Earlier, Marc had mentioned that some jobs were decreasing so is there an influx? Are there a lot more jobs? Summer programs?

Mayor Micozzie: ---------

Mr. McMullan: It could be that or it could just be that that line items just reflects seasonal employees in the Township.

Ms. Wentz: So, there would be a lot more. I did ask him for the hourly wages. He sent all of the salaries for the full time employees but it didn’t include the salary of the part time hourly employees so I didn’t have that to compare.

Mayor Micozzie: Do you want that?

Ms. Wentz: Yes. I asked but I haven’t gotten it. In a lot of places postage is marked but it doesn’t seem to go up the same as the year itself but postage itself keeps rising. I just want to make sure that we’re making adjustments for that so we’re not to make sure we’re not….

Mayor Micozzie: Tom is a stickler for postage.

Ms. Wentz: I know that it keeps going up every year so I just wanted to make sure. I realize that it’s the same from 2019 to this year and I just wanted to make sure. Training is $5000. Who gets the training?

Mr. McMullan: That line item is for Property Maintenance Task Force.

Couldn’t hear explanation because someone was moving and shuffling papers and Mr. McMullan was drowned out.
Ms. Wentz: So, on the next page for Police Pension and allocation, I’m just curious why it’s actually a little bit less than last year. I know we brought in some new officers and it did look like some people had retired but I just wasn’t sure why we were actually paying less when I know that salaries went up this year.

Mr. McMullan: Those were provided by the actuary. It adjusts for the current force and the expected retirees.

Mr. Gwin: John, does it also take into consideration that the value of the funded assets may have increased in value?

Mr. McMullan: Yes, it does.

Mr. Gwin: So, if the market value went up, it would offset the need for additional funding.

Ms. Wentz: OK, thank you. That makes more sense. Equipment/Vehicles for Police. It’s also $70,000 less than in 2019. I was just curious.

Mayor Micozzie: -------police cars in years of service---------------------

Ms. Wentz: OK. You’re not rotating as much.

Mayor Micozzie: -------Public Works tells us years of service on a vehicle, mileage and years so this year they’ll get 2 and I think maybe 3 or 4. We had 3 accidents and we’ll end up with brand new cars.

Ms. Wentz: And how many cars did we get last year?

Mr. Micozzie: I think we had 4, 2 in there and 2 in Capital. ---------------------

Ms. Wentz: I was also curious about a little further down, the health insurance for the Fire Department is the same amount as last year, the $2.4 million but we had brought in 9 new firefighters last year and I know we just swore in a bunch more and I just wanted to make sure with the salary increases with all the new firefighters that the pension balance is correct. No sorry, the health insurance.

Mr. McMullan: The new increase in health insurance for the upcoming year; I’m not sure------------------------------They are in the process of finishing schooling so that plays a part in that 2020 insurance line.

Ms. Wentz: So, we don’t anticipate health insurance costs going up at all?

Mr. McMullan: Not this year.
Multiple people speaking at once

Ms. Wentz: Well, that is going to increase it. OK. And then, in the Zoning realm for salaries, so it’s 01.414.140, there are no salary increases in the staff for Zoning?

Mayor Micozzie:----------

Ms. Wentz: OK, so there is that raise.

Mayor Micozzie: They’re all appointed (?). --------That’s a set fee

Ms. Wentz: So, they’re appointed.

Mayor Micozzie: I don’t think they get any more, right Tom?

Mr. Judge: I believe they don’t.

Ms. Wentz: And, what do they get?

Multiple people speaking at once

Ms. Wentz: And then, a little further down on that same page, in the Health department, there is a new clothing allowance that wasn’t in the budget last year. I was just curious who got that added.

Mayor Micozzie: That is from the OPEIU.

Ms. Wentz: Oh OK. That’s part of the OPEIU. And then on the next page, for sanitation, liens/filing/collection fees. It’s about $100,000 less than last year.

Mr. McMullan: That has gone down because of the fees that have been paid from previous debt collection.

Ms. Wentz: OK. Then, some clothing allowances have changed where they went up for Public Works and Sanitation. Did we hire more people?

Mr. McMullan: No, the members that were already in the TWU were already eligible for a clothing allowance and some of those foreman who are now in the OPEIU are now eligible for the clothing allowance.

Ms. Wentz: OK, then on the next page for Electrical 0142, account 239, General Supplies and Maintenance; last year it was $7000 and it almost doubled. I mean, it went up to $15,000. I was just wondering what was going on.
Mr. McMullan: You have to take into consideration that some funds were reduced in the departments and put into the electrical. For instance, -------was replaced as a park or a playground instead of charging that replacement to the Parks budget, it’s now going to be directed to the clothing allowance.

Ms. Wentz: OK. Thank you. I know that a lot of time was spent on installing LEDs. I was just curious if the effects of the LED lighting have started to pay off because the lighting of traffic lights, street lights and the maintenance of them; well, the lights themselves are the same from last year so I was wondering if the effects have started to kick in.

Mayor Miccozzie: $186,000 I think for the electric and I think the maintenance and repair, probably 95% has to do with traffic lights instead of street lights.

Ms. Wentz: Are the traffic lights LEDs yet?

Mayor Miccozzie: They are. -------

Ms. Wentz: But, we increased the maintenance for the traffic lights by $5000 for both maintenance of traffic lights and street lights?

Mr. McMullan: We unfortunately lost 2 of the boxes in the last 6 weeks.

Ms. Wentz: Because of accidents?

Mr. McMullan: Yes.

Ms. Wentz: Thank you for that clarification. And then, last year we had $33,000 for rentals for parking but this year we have zero. Is that partially because of that property we purchased or the property that was next to the Police Building?

Mr. McMullan: No. It’s not related to the purchase of that. We did relinquish a lease for parking. -------

Ms. Wentz: Because we had $33,000 last year and this year we have zero. If we incurred it last year, I’m just wondering why we’re not incurring it this year. So, playground equipment for Parks at the top of 2 pages from where we were. We had $12,000 last year and this year we have $20,000. Is that to improve all of the.....

Mr. McMullan: It’s for improvements of anything -------

Ms. Wentz: So, would we be able to use some of those funds to help the parks in the 6th and 7th?
Mr. McMullan: Some of that is for the 2nd Ward.

Ms. Wentz: So, some of that is for the 2nd Ward. Great! So, Tom Judge had mentioned in the presentation of the budget, the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN), but on the bottom of Dept. 465, Account 500, there’s no money for that budgeted. So, if we have to take a TAN but it’s for nothing but then we are paying $50,000 for the interest of nothing?

Mr. McMullan: That’s an estimate. ---------

Ms. Wentz: Right, but there’s nothing for the note.

Mr. McMullan: Well, we don’t know yet until we do our cash flow and then we’ll know exactly how much we need to borrow.

Ms. Wentz: So, the interest is not really interest? It’s for interest but…..

Mr. McMullan: We don’t have an exact number. It’s a marker.

Ms. Wentz: OK, but then there’s nothing for the note itself.

Multiple people speaking at once

Ms. Wentz: OK. So, if it ends up being $2 million that we need for 2 months…..

Mr. McMullan: The interest will be a lot lower.

Ms. Wentz: Right, but then there is no money for the note itself. There is no estimated amount.

Mayor Micozzie: It’s because---------

Ms. Wentz: I’m just trying to understand. OK, thank you. At the bottom of the next page, under Sewer, the 2nd to the last one is account # 239/Sewer and then it’s blank for $1000. What is that for? So, there is General Supplies for $8000 and then a complete blank for $1000. Then there is the bricks and manholes, etc. for $20,000.

Mr. McMullan: I can get that information.

Ms. Wentz: Thank you. It was just weird. And then on the last page for Highways, account #245/materials and suppliers for highway traffic; I’m just curious because it’s $4000 less than it was last year. It’s Fund 35, Dept. 433, Account #245 Highways/MAT.

Mr. McMullan: It’s being budgeted for $50,000.
Ms. Wentz: Oh OK, on the list I have, it says $46,000. So it was meant to say $50,000? And then, a little farther down for account #183, Highway’s overtime; last year it was at $5000 and this year it’s at $20,000?

Mr. McMullan: We had an increase in overtime this year primarily because of -------- cemetery so that project is about 90% complete so we’re anticipating some additional costs for that and for some additional projects that we’re doing.

Ms. Wentz: OK. Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: Laura, can you tell us how much more you have to do?

Ms. Wentz: That was actually my last page. That was my last question on there but I actually have some other questions.

Mr. Bonnett: Laura, is there any reason that you couldn’t take this up with the Administration?

Ms. Wentz: I just had the window of opportunity to look at it as closely as I did today and I didn’t have a chance to bring it up to the Administration itself. I’m sorry for that inconvenience. I thought it was actually something that people might want to know if looking at it.

Mr. Bonnett: I think it would be best if you come prepared for that-----------------

Ms. Wentz: OK, well everyone’s schedule is a little different. So, I know we talked about this last year. I would like to make an amendment to the budget and I was just curious of if there was any way to get the whatever the form is specifically for it in a Word document so I can make those adjustments because I understand there has to be a balance adjustment and to easily do that........

Mayor Micozzie: ------------

Ms. Wentz: No, I mean it would have to be an amendment to the budget so would it happen at the next meeting?

Mr. Bonnett: Let me ask the Solicitor. If the budget is amended, do we have to have a Public Hearing?

Solicitor: Yes. The budget can be amended as long as it remains balanced without adding to it. And, you would legally have to add a Public Hearing.

Mr., Manfre: Could you explain to me what amending it means? I’m serious. ------------
Mr. Bonnett: It sounds to me like we can move money around within the budget subject to the approval of Council without adding to the budget. Or, if we add to the budget, it requires a Public Hearing. Or, you reduce the budget.

Mr. Spellman: We already did reduce the budget based on the evaluation that we just heard.

Mr. Bonnett: So, are you proposing to increase the budget?

Solicitor: You’re going to keep it balanced.

Ms. Wentz: No. I’m actually just going to shift things around a little bit.

Mr. Bonnett: Well, I think you should prepare that and present a whole new line item budget for consideration from Council and we’ll move on it.

Mr. Bierling: I’d just like to say that as a member of the Finance Committee, I spent 4-5 hours here with Bob and Tom and we went through every line item for Police, Fire and every Department so if that is something you wanted to know or something you wanted to change, it would have been nice if you had informed the Finance Committee that there might be something you want to move around. Because, like I said, I sat here for 4-5 hours going through this. For something like that, you can bring it to the Finance Committee and we can take a look. Everyone comes in and sits at a table with us and talks to us. We ask if there is something that they need. Isn’t that what we do? That’s the job of the people on the Finance Committee.

Mayor Miccozzie: Let me see if I can try --------. If there is an individual department line item that you want to change between the 2 lines, the Administration can do that within the departments. If we go between departments, that’s a change. So, if you were saying like you were saying, materials and supplies that you wanted to put through ----trash cans, that’s a change in the budget that we need ----------------. If you said in the parks department I want to take --------and take $5000 from --------and move the trashcans and it is in the parks budget, the Administration can do that without going through the budget process we’re in. That’s if you’re going from 1 line item to another line item. The problem I can see happening is the parks guys, the reason we have individual departments and this happened years ago --------. I don’t know that the Fire Department is going to give up a fire hose for a clothing allowance in the trash department. ----------------I think once you start going across, that whole budget has to get put back together and sit down with those department heads. Now you’re in --------and now you have to find out what exactly is in that line that would get done or not get done.

Mr. Bierling: --------We’re paying these people money to run the departments. They are knowledgeable people and then we’re going to come in and say “wait a minute, I think you should move this $1000 over there. These people run these departments and are very
knowledgeable. Let’s take Superintendent Chitwood. I don’t think ----------. That’s not what we do when we sit down and talk to these people.

Mayor Miccozze: I’ve been with the Administration for a long time and there are not really too many things that Council has ever asked me that if you needed in a department we weren’t able to accomplish. The only thing I can think of is that streetlights are a big problem. If they have to go on a pole, that’s a lot of money. Everything else I’ve ever been asked, we’ve worked on trying to solve the next year’s budget or work with the department saying “you have $5000 here so can you help out that Councilperson?” Whatever it is. We’ve never not tried to help someone. ----------

Ms. Wentz: Thank you.

Mr. Bonnett: At this time, a Motion would be in order for adjournment.

Mr. Wagner: So moved.

Mr. Bierling: Second.

Mr. Bonnett: Moved and seconded. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed? The ayes have it. This meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard G. Nolan

RGN/akec Richard G. Nolan, Chief Municipal Clerk