

BUDGET MINUTES
Bloomfield Borough Council
September 18, 2023

Bloomfield Borough Council met this evening in the Bloomfield Borough Council Chambers in special session for the purpose of budget and any other business that may come before Council with the following Council members present: President Malinda C. Anderson, Vice President J. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Brenten S. Dum, Karl L. Cless, Jessica L. Grindle and John J. Patterson V.

Also present: Borough Secretary Danielle Shope, Assistant Secretary Susanne Woolever, Borough Employees Damon Hartman, and Becky Smiley.

President Anderson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Recording of the Meeting – President Anderson reported that the budget session will not be recorded, except in matters where a vote is necessary and conducted.

2024 Budget - Council spent the evening comparing figures, determining projects that will be completed in 2024 and adding/deleting classifications as needed.

General Fund

Vice President Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Patterson, to increase Real Estate Taxes by 1 mil, beginning in 2024. Additionally, Real Estate Taxes will have an increase of .5 mil in 2025 and a .5 mil increase in 2026. Motion carried.

Vice President Fitzpatrick made a motion, seconded by Councilman Patterson to approve the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) worksheet calculations as prepared and reviewed. The Borough's financial obligation will be \$7,096 for 2024. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Grindle made a motion, seconded by Councilman Patterson, to distribute the office staff salaries as follows: 40% to the General Account, 40% to the Sewer Account, and 20% to the Garbage Account. Motion carried.

Borough Council also discussed having the engineer (HRG) attend council meetings only on an as-needed basis.

Sewer Fund

Councilman Patterson made a motion, seconded by Vice President Fitzpatrick, to increase the sewer rates by \$1.00 a quarter starting in the 1st quarter 2024. Motion carried.

Borough Building Fund

Councilman Patterson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cless, to utilize emergency funding to repair the window surrounds on the North East Side of the Borough Building. Motion carried.

There being no further business, upon motion by Councilman Dum, seconded by Councilman Cless, the budget meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. to meet on Tuesday, October 3, 2023 for the regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle L. Shope, Secretary