

MILFORD BOROUGH SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 11/12/24

The Milford Borough Council met November 12, 2024 at 7PM in the Borough Hall located at 109 W. Catharine Street for a special meeting. This meeting was advertised and open to the public. Present were Council President Joseph Dooley, Vice President Maria Farrell, Council Members Peter Cooney, George Lutfy, Sharmie Ford and Richard Provenzano. Also present was Mayor Sean Strub and Secretary/Treasurer Francesca Lombardo. Council Member Doug Manion and Solicitor Jason Ohliger were not present. The meeting was called to order followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion to adopt Agenda by Farrell/Ford, AIF.

Public Comment: None

2025 Budget Discussion The 2025 draft budget this year was based on bringing the General Fund back to 30 mils. Most revenue and expenditures were increased 5%, based on the trend over the last several years. Other expenditures increased 7% to 8%, due to inflation and higher renewal rate costs from insurance companies. Some expenditures increased 4% based on the actuals over the last several years. Capital expenditures reflect an increase of \$20,000 for pedestrian safety, \$60,000 for a new DPW truck, \$40,000 for a new police vehicle and \$40,000 for Ann Street Park renovations. Each committee chair approved of the proposed budget with two outstanding uncertainties; salaries for the Police, and legal fees due to union negotiations still in progress. The Council voted to maintain a 40.85 millage rate, the same as 2024. Candace Mahala asked about budgeted money allocated for pedestrian. Secretary/Treasurer Lombardo stated that this is money set aside for pedestrian safety improvements in 2025. Candace also asked if a speed hump could be placed on George St & 3rd St to address speeders. Council Member Provenzano stated that adding a speed hump would cost between \$6,000 and \$6,500, but he will look into the cost of a temporary/removable speed hump.

The budget was approved for advertisement in the local paper and on the website. Residents have 10 days to come into the office and view the detailed budget and a budget summary will be on the website.

Executive Session: Motion to open by Farrell/Provenzano, AIF. Motion to close by Farrell/Provenzano, AIF.

Adjourned at 8:45 pm by Farrell/Provenzano, AIF.