

## BUDGET WORKSESSION DECEMBER 14 2009

Work session began at 1842 hrs, members present were: B. Terrell – President  
W. Cerkan – Vice President  
D. Sarpen  
E. Myers  
G. Andrews  
E. Paules  
E. Molinsky  
Mayor J. Joy  
Administrator T. L. Crawford

Work session called to order by President B. Terrell.

### 2010 BUDGET

President Terrell read the budget basics, and opened the floor for discussion. He noted the 2010 budget has the following:

REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
<b>TOTAL \$ 4,255,178.</b>	<b>\$ 4,234,501.</b>

E. Paules questioned where the Borough Coordinator insurance shows in the budget, and was advised it is broken into thirds across general office, water and sewer funds. E. Paules noted this position should be reappointed in the reorganization meeting, and a line item for the budget for clarification.

Mayor Joy expressed concern over a cut in the fire/ambulance budget. T.L. Crawford explained this issue was noted in the original budget book, and a meeting was held with several Council members and fire department personnel to discuss. He was concerned that he was not at the meeting, and this could cause volunteers to quit the department if they must rely on fund raisers only. E. Paules explained the ambulance is a business, and the bulk of the expenses are the ambulance. Council discussed the cost associated with the ambulance, noting the majority of the calls are in not in the Borough and their ability to bill for expenses. Motion by E. Paules, seconded by E. Myers to amend the line item to read Fire only donation. Motion carried.

Ordinance 09-10 Real Estate Tax Rate – President Terrell read the preamble. Motion by E. Myers, seconded by E. Molinsky to adopt the Ordinance as written, setting the 2010 real estate milage at .85. Motion carried. E. Molinsky noted the average house in the Borough will see an increase between \$ 4.00 - \$ 12.00 per year.

2010 Budget - Motion by E. Molinsky, seconded by W. Cerkan to adopt the 2010 Budget as advertised and presented. Motion carried.

Council convened to the regular meeting