

Penbrook Borough Budget Meeting

September 9, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Members present were Dry, Stokes, Deardorff, N. Shaw, Newcomer and Armbruster.

2. Hogarth reviewed 01.410 section of the General Fund which are proposed expenses related to the Police Department. Comments and topics of discussion included:
 - A. 01.410.110, the Chief's salary needs to be determined by the elected officials. Once determined Hogarth will add the data to the spreadsheet.
 - B. 01.410.112, Hogarth applied for a grant through PCCD which, if awarded, will offset this account by \$78525.00. It will also, if awarded, pay for the health insurance premium at approximately 33k and a new police vehicle and upfitting at approximately 72k.
 - C. 01.410.117, in 2023 and 2024 was paid for by a grant. This is Dan Baldwin's part-time salary to do accreditation and support services.
 - D. 01.410.197, Uniform Pension MMO. This is an increase from last year by \$34,000 and will likely not be fully covered by state aid. Hogarth encouraged Council to consider the pension member's contributions when the Resolution is presented in December.
 - E. 01.410.310, Hogarth suggested adding a facial recognition software subscription as an opportunity to share licensing with two other municipalities recently came up however this is being removed from the budget proposal.
 - F. 01.410.460, is overspent this year because of the cadet police academy tuition which was unexpected. Hogarth advised Council that once Cadet Yanich graduates we will be eligible to submit for reimbursement to receive 75% of the tuition and 40% of the salary while he was in the academy. That will likely be posted to the 2025 revenues since graduation is not until the end of December.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted.

Joseph Hogarth

Borough Secretary