

**BROWNSVILLE BOROUGH
FAYETTE COUNTY PENNSYLVANIA
December 30, 2020**

The Special meeting of the Council of the Borough of Brownsville was held this evening, virtually. The meeting was called to order by Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich at 6:01 p.m. by reciting the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members were present: Mayor Ross H. Swords, Jr., Council President Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich, Jack Lawver, Lester Ward, Barbara Pepper, Jackie Jackson, and Beth Bock. Council Vice President Paul Synuria joined the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Jack Lawver thanked everyone for their prayers and noted that he may not be on the entire call. He wanted it to be a matter of record that he votes affirmative on all items of record.

NEW BUSINESS

The tentative budget was emailed to everyone. It was a budget of \$1,008,596.

Motion to approve the advertised budget by Paul Synuria. Second by Jackie Jackson. Roll call vote: Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich, yes; Paul Synuria, yes; Jack Lawver, yes; Beth Bock, yes; Barbara Pepper, yes; Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Motion by Beth Bock to keep the same tax rate as 2020 and approve the ordinance. Second by Jack Lawver. Roll call vote: Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich, yes; Paul Synuria, yes; Jack Lawver, yes; Beth Bock, yes; Barbara Pepper, yes; Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion carries.

Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich noted that the traffic signal bids have come in and we will ratify it at the January regular meeting. Paul Synuria noted that he put a call in to another vendor but did not receive a call back. All bids are with the insurance company, and as soon as we hear back from them we will move forward with the repairs.

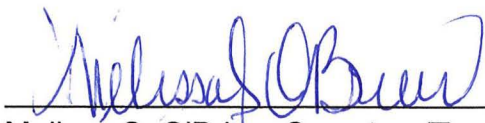
Tracy Sheehan Zivkovich noted that the DCED recommends that we implement a new Quickbooks system and fix our chart of accounts for 2021. We will get official approval at the regular meeting in January as well.

Paul Synuria would like to recommend that we start the budget process earlier in 2021 so that we have it approved prior to the last week of the year.

Solicitor noted that paid leave on COVID issues expires tomorrow. There is no mandate to pay for COVID-related leaves at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Jack Lawver. Second by Paul Synuria. All in favor. Motion carries.


Melissa S. O'Brien, Secretary/Treasurer

