

New Philadelphia City Council

Finance Committee

February 11, 2019

6:00 PM

The Finance Committee met on February 11, 2019, at 6pm to discuss the 2019 Permanent Budget. Present were committee members Rob Maurer, Dean Holland, and John Zucal. Also in attendance were Dan Lanzer, Kelly Ricklic, Aimee May, Cheryl Ramos, Marvin Fete, Joel Day, Julie Courtright, Sam Hitchcock, Tom Gerber, Greg Popham, and Beth Gundy.

Chairman Maurer opened the meeting by stating he has been meeting with the Mayor, Service Director, and Auditor regularly since October. Significant cuts have been made since then. The Mayor echoed those comments and said its pretty tight. Maurer wants to go through each budget individually and hold off on the Fire Departments until the next meeting so the Fire Chief can attend.

Mayor – Maurer said its similar to last year. Zucal said he looked through the entire budget and it also looked the same as last years. Ramos wanted to know how many funds were used to pay for salaries. Gundy replied five with them being water, street, sanitation, general, and sewer.

Human Resources- No questions

Auditor- No questions

Treasurer- No questions

Law Director- Several general questions were asked about the new Victim Advocate position. Fete asked how much was appropriated for the Police Prosecutor (Asst Prosecutor) 101-0800-1101? Maurer said \$85,000. Fete said that number should be \$88,000. Zucal asked Gundy if \$4500 needs to be answered and she said yes.

Police Prosecutor-No questions

Civil Service-Zucal asked Popham if he anticipated and tests being taken and Popham didn't think so.

Council- Ricklic asked if there has been any real talk about electronic devices such as tablets. Mayor stated not at this time. Mayor also said we are looking to cut costs by having 1 server and having work stations versus computers. Ricklic said he wants the money to be there if we decide to go that direction. The Committee will review in an upcoming meeting again.

Service Director- No questions

City Hall- Ricklic asked how much money was spent last year in Shade Tree fund. Maurer stated \$795. Ricklic would like money to be used for the development of the new cemetery.

Airport- Zucal said they are not anticipating anything major at this time

Police Department- Zucal asked if we are anticipating any major changes staff wise? The Mayor said not at this time but we will be looking to add a detective position down the road. Ramos asked the Mayor about the TUFF books. Mayor responded he is trying to get grants from local foundations. Zucal proposed we add \$36,000 to line item 225-5200 to purchase the TUFF books with the money earmarked solely for this purpose. If we get the grants, the money needs appropriated anyway.

Fire Department- Skipped for future meeting discussion.

Public Health- Ramos asked how much the medical insurance increased this year? The mayor responded 3%. Gundy said medical insurance increased 6.5% in 2018.

Parks and Recreation- No questions

Municipal Court- No questions

General Fund Transfers- Mayor said we haven't done Sidewalk program for the last 2 years and gets many requests. Zucal and Ricklic both said it's a great program. Ricklic felt \$25,000 for \$50,000 worth of work is a great bang for our buck. We will revisit this item in a future meeting.

Street Department- Gundy stated Street Department gets 14% of allocable income tax. She thinks they could live with 12% but it would take Councils approval. Ramos asked how much gas tax revenue we receive? Gundy guessed around \$600,000 or so.

State Highway Improvements- No questions

Motor Vehicle Permissive Tax- No questions

Cemetery- No questions

Law Enforcement Video Fund- No questions

Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Fund- No questions

OMVI Enforcement- No questions

Sanitation- Mayor said Ray Grewell would like to replace garbage trucks every 3 years if possible.

Safety Forces Operation Fund- No questions

The Finance Committee will meet again in 2 weeks to continue work on budget. Committee member John Zucal asked for adjournment at 6:58 PM.

Sincerely,



Rob Maurer

Chairman