

OLD FORGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

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IN RE: SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

DECEMBER 6, 2022

7:00 P.M.

OLD FORGE MUNICIPAL BUILDING
314 SOUTH MAIN STREET
OLD FORGE, PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- RUSSELL RINALDI, PRESIDENT
- RICK NOTARI, VICE-PRESIDENT
- LOUIS FEBBO
- MICHELLE AVVISATO
- JAMES HOOVER
- MICHAEL LETTIERI
- ANDREW BUTLER
- WILLIAM RINALDI, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR
- MARYLYNN BARTOLETTI, BOROUGH MANAGER
- ROBERT LEGG, MAYOR

Mark Wozniak
Official Court Reporter

1 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Good evening,
2 ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to call the
3 special meeting to order with the Pledge of
4 Allegiance.

5 (The Pledge of Allegiance was
6 recited.)

7 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Roll call,
8 please, Marylynn.

9 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
10 Avvisato?

11 MS. AVVISATO: Here.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

13 MR. BUTLER: Here.

14 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

15 MR. FEBBO: Here.

16 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

17 MR. HOOVER: Here.

18 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman

19 Lettieri?

20 MR. LETTIERI: Present.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

22 MR. NOTARI: Present.

23 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Here. Once
25 again, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the

1 Tuesday, December 6th special meeting. The
2 purpose of our special meeting will be we
3 have a motion that will be coming up shortly
4 to pass our tentative budget, and then also
5 the meeting will be open to any other
6 business any of the members have. Things
7 they would like to bring to the floor.

8 With that said, Marylynn's going to
9 explain a little bit of the budget to us and
10 the public and then we'll get into the
11 motion.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: So we are ready to
13 pass our 2023 budget. The budget will
14 include the total revenues and assets for
15 the general account of \$3,431,654, and total
16 expenses will be \$3,454,900. Our overall
17 budget would be \$10,545,564.

18 At this point council is
19 contemplating a one and a half mill
20 increase. This will be voted on at our
21 meeting on December 20, 2022.

22 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Anybody have
23 any questions for Marylynn? Marylynn, thank
24 you. As always, we go through it year in
25 and year out. We know Marylynn puts most of

1 the time into the budget and she puts most
2 of the work in. She really crunched the
3 numbers this year, as always. I'm sitting
4 here a long time, so are some of the other
5 members. You do an excellent job on the
6 budget. You have every year. Thanks for
7 the hard work and thanks for getting down in
8 a tighter spot, which you did. She did
9 really well. We had to cut nothing out.

10 We know that Marylynn said that
11 there's a potential 1.5 mill increase. If
12 the budget does pass tonight with a
13 tentative vote and a 1.5 mill increase, that
14 1.5 mill increase is going to be dedicated
15 to our fire department, hiring of three
16 police officers, two of which will go into
17 the Old Forge High School. We'll have them
18 there 180 days out of the year. After
19 school is out for summer, we spoke with the
20 chief of police, we'll have two new shifts
21 he's going to put on down at the parks.

22 Correct, Chief?

23 CHIEF DUBERNAS: Yes.

24 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: So they'll be
25 dedicated shifts. If the 1.5 passes, that's

1 where that extra money is going to go. So
2 we just wanted everyone to have an
3 understanding of it.

4 Does anybody have any questions
5 before we bring it to the floor?

6 MR. NOTARI: No questions, but I'd
7 just like to reiterate thank you, Marylynn,
8 for doing such a fine job with the numbers.
9 When the finance committee met, maybe three
10 weeks ago, we were actually looking at a
11 possible 3.5 mill increase. So just the
12 fact that she was able to get it down to
13 where it is right now tentatively. I'm sure
14 she'll come up with some more magic that she
15 has. She's doing all these budgets and
16 crunches these numbers. But another fine
17 job, Mare. Every December you come up with
18 a little Christmas magic for Old Forge
19 Borough. Thank you very much.

20 MR. RUSSEL RINALDI: Anyone else?
21 Also for the record, the last time borough
22 taxes were raised was in 2008. They were
23 only raised one mill back then. So that was
24 14 years ago. Anyone else before we bring
25 it to the floor?

1 At this time the chair will
2 entertain a motion to pass the 2022-2023
3 tentative budget with a proposed 1.5 mill
4 tax increase.

5 MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

6 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Motion by
7 Councilman Notari.

8 MR. HOOVER: I'll second it.

9 MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by
10 Councilman Hoover. On the question? Public
11 input? Roll call, please, Marylynn.

12 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilwoman
13 Avvisato?

14 MS. AVVISATO: Yes.

15 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Butler?

16 MR. BUTLER: Yes.

17 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Febbo?

18 MR. FEBBO: Yes.

19 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Hoover?

20 MR. HOOVER: Yes.

21 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman
22 Lettieri?

23 MR. LETTIERI: Yes.

24 MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Notari?

25 MR. NOTARI: Yes.

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MS. BARTOLETTI: Councilman Rinaldi?

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Yes. Before we adjourn the special meeting, does anybody have anything else for this evening's agenda?

If not, the chair would entertain a motion to adjourn the special meeting.

MR. NOTARI: I'll make that motion.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: By Councilman Notari.

MR. BUTLER: I'll second it.

MR. RUSSELL RINALDI: Seconded by Councilman Butler. All in favor?

(Unanimous. Special meeting adjourned.)

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I hereby certify that I attended the foregoing proceeding, took stenographic notes of the same, that the foregoing, consisting of 7 pages, is a true and correct copy, done to the best of my ability, of same and the whole thereof.

Mark Wozniak
Official Court Reporter