

December 5, 2006

## POTTSTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Special Budget meeting of the Pottstown Borough Council was called to order on Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Pottstown Borough Hall, 100 East High Street, Pottstown, Pennsylvania, with President Wolf in the Chair.

### INVOCATION

### PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

Councilors present were Mark Gibson, Arthur Green, Michael Wenzel, Stephen Toroney, Greg Berry and Jack Wolf. Also present were Mayor Sharon Thomas, Borough Manager Raymond Lopez, Solicitor Charles Garner, Jr., and Borough Secretary Virginia Takach.

### BUDGET REVIEW

Finance Director Bob Armelin distributed a Budget Summary. He reviewed the expenditures and revenues. Mr. Armelin added that there would be no new employees added to the budget except for the four new police officers already approved.

(See Budget Review Continued)

### APPOINTMENT 7<sup>TH</sup> WARD COUNCILOR

Councilor Toroney motioned to appoint Daniel B. Schadler, 1033 Rambler Avenue, as the Councilor for the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward to fill the vacant position. Councilor Wenzel seconded the motion.

Councilor Gibson, Councilor Berry and Mayor Thomas objected to the motion, stating that it is not proper at a Budget Meeting and suggested that it was a decision made prior to this meeting.

President Wolf opened the floor for public comment at 7:09 p.m.

David Garner, 339 Grandview Road – expressed his disappointment that Council failed to interview all the candidates for this position.

President Wolf closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. and requested a roll-call vote.

Berry	abstained	Toroney	yes
Gibson	abstained	Wenzel	yes
Green	yes	Wolf	yes

Motion carried: 4 ayes, 2 abstentions

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District Judge Thomas Palladino was present and administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Schadler. Mr. Schadler took his seat as 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Councilor.

Budget Review (continued)

Mr. Armelin noted that the main problem with the 2006 budget is the overestimated revenues. He added that the 2007 budget includes a 5% increase in wages and a 7% increase in medical insurance.

Councilor Toroney expressed concern in reducing staff and services.

Mr. Armelin advised that he will have additional work sessions with Department Heads prior to the December 6<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned on motion by Councilor Toroney at 8:40 p.m.

Attested,

Raymond W. Lopez  
Borough Manager