

**BOROUGH OF WIND GAP
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The Special Council meeting of the Borough of Wind Gap on Monday, November 10, 2003, was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Council President Winton Male, Jr., at which time he reminded those present that the meeting was being recorded. In attendance were Councilmen Lewis Paulhamus, Mitchell D. Mogilski, Sr., William Pysher, and Peter Stinson. Also in attendance Secretary/Treasurer Louise Firestone.

Councilman Kerry Gassler arrived at 7:15 p.m.

The sole purpose of the meeting was to discuss the 2004 budget.

Council discussed the proposed budgets of the Police Department - \$296,389, Fire Company - \$57,700, Public Works - \$384,450. Included in the Street's budget are capital purchases of \$10,000 for a dump body for the new utility truck and \$10,000 to pay back into the reserve account. They asked for \$47,000 to match funds from Liquid Fuels for street paving in 2004. They included \$146,000 for two stormwater projects on West Street to eliminate the water problems so that West Street could be paved in 2005. The budget has \$10,000 for Engineering services. This includes engineering for the Woodward and Lehigh intersection to eliminate that water problem. In order to qualify for the Agility Program the engineering design work has to be completed by the municipality. Council discussed the status of the part-time workers and their inclusion with the pension plan. Their time is split between the Street budget and the Park budget. The associated payroll taxes will also need to be split between the two budgets.

The Police budget was discussed in regard to the full and part-time police salaries, including the overtime anticipated for 2004. The Chief calculated the salaries to have full-time officers cover the vacation and personal time off because the current part-time officers are not always available during the week because of their other jobs. The medical premiums are anticipated to increase approximately 15% over last year. Council decided to decrease the amount of the vehicle repairs in anticipation of purchasing a new vehicle in 2004. The Chief budgeted for a new vehicle and a new computer for the Police Station. This capital purchase line item to be split into other capital purchase - car and other capital purchase – computer.

Council discussed the Fire Company budget, which remains basically the same. It was suggested that their budget include a line item for Fire Police Services. These funds would compensate the Fire Company if the Borough would utilize their services to direct traffic for street projects. Discussion if this would be allowable or if traffic control by the Fire Company is specifically related to emergency situations. It needs to be determined what items the Fire Company is paying for out of their funds and what is being submitted for the Borough to pay.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next budget meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2003.

Louise Firestone, Secretary / Treasurer