

**RIDGWAY BOROUGH BUDGET MEETING**  
**Second Ward Firehall**  
**321 W Main St, Ridgway, PA 15853**  
**November 2, 2022**

The budget development meeting of Ridgway Borough Council was called to order by Frank Quattrone at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday November 2, 2022 at the Second Ward Firehall.

PRESENT: Council members Frank Quattrone, Ralph Dussia, Abbi Peters, Steve Lawrie, Steve Caggese, Brent Kemmer and Ron Burkett. Also, in attendance were Borough Manager Michael Handley, Mayor Ray Imhof, Finance Director Tama Foster and Recording Secretary Diana Newell.

Borough Manager Mike Handley opened the meeting by discussing changes from the first budget session. Handley reported the crew has decided to put off to a later date the purchase of a new skid steer and bucket truck. He explained they really are in need of a new plow truck as well as a bank mower. He stated the price of the new plow truck would be about \$133,000.00 and the price for the new bank mower would be about \$42,000.00. After much discussion council members decided to table the equipment discussion and schedule another meeting to discuss further.

Handley reported the first part of the new leaf truck has been ordered and soon the second part will be ordered as well. He explained with the Ridgway Mills fund being short \$10,000.00, he suggested this money should be transferred from trucked waste to balance the budget. He also reported DEP gave the go ahead to install the new sewer and dump station at the Ridgway Mills.

**General**

Handley reported the income from the 2022-2023 taxes will be a little different this year. He explained the wages and office staff have had a slight increase with hiring one of the two positions proposed. He stated there won't be two new positions and people hired, there will only be one or the other.

Handley reported the wages for the Police Department will be slightly increased this year. He reported the fire protection won't have any changes. He explained there will be \$2,000.00 allocated for the Emergency Management budget just in case.

Handley reported with the general expenses the ordinances will be recodified as well as the new meeting room being added to the borough office building which is estimated at \$50,000.00. For the municipal building, there was \$4,000.00 leftover from the previous year which will be used to replace some things that are needed within the building.

Handley stated there will be a slight increase in wages for the snow removal this year. He also reported there will be a health insurance reimbursement at the end of the year. Handley stated the expenses for the general fund overall are down about \$30,000.00 from last year. After much discussion, it was stated there is a \$540,000.00 shortfall for the general budget this year.

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Handley stated the two options are to transfer the money from different accounts to balance the budget or raise the taxes to cover the shortfall.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm and the next budget session will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 4:30pm.