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**2022 Budget
Work Session
Monday, December 6, 2021**

Bellefonte Borough Public Services – Financially Supported

EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICES:

- POLICE
- FIRE
- EMS
- STREET MAINTENANCE
- STREET LIGHTING
- WATER
- WASTEWATER/SEWER
- REFUSE COLLECTION
- PARKS AND RECREATION
- LIBRARY
- PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (CATA)
- RECYCLING & COMPOSTING
- STANDARDS FOR ZONING AND PLANNING

VARIOUS FUNDS UNDER THE BOROUGH

FUND	REVENUE (INCOME)
GENERAL - (POLICE, STREETS, GENERAL GOVERNMENT)	Real Estate, Earned Income Taxes, Fees
STREET LIGHTING	Real Estate Tax
FIRE OPERATING	Real Estate Tax
FIRE EQUIPMENT	Real Estate Tax
EMS	Real Estate Tax
PARKS & RECREATION	Real Estate Tax
WATER	Utility Fee
WASTEWATER	Utility Fee
REFUSE	Utility Fee
LIQUID FUELS	State (fuel tax)

CHALLENGES

- **BELLEFONTE BOROUGH COVERS APPROX. 1.8 SQUARE MILES (IN COMPARISON SPRING TOWNSHIP COVERS 27.1 SQUARE MILES)**
- **HIGH PERCENTAGE OF NON-TAXABLE REAL PROPERTY - e.g. COUNTY BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS, BOROUGH PROPERTIES/PARKS, CHURCHES, FIRE HALLS, CEMETERIES, LIBRARIES**
- **REAL ESTATE and EARNED INCOME TAX COLLECTIONS DO NOT GROW ENOUGH TO KEEP UP WITH INCREASES IN COSTS FOR SERVICES**

RATES – POINT OF CLARIFICATION

COUNCIL

SETS TAX LEVY, REFUSE FEE, PERMIT FEES, ETC.

TAX LEVY AND BUDGET COULD BE RE-OPENED AND CHANGED BY NEW COUNCIL – MUST ADHERE TO TIME LINES.

AUTHORITY

SETS RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER (SEWER) SERVICE. RATES COULD BE CHANGED DURING THE YEAR. RATES TYPICALLY SET AT THE DECEMBER MEETING

BOROUGH MUST APPROVE A BUDGET FOR 2022 BY DECEMBER 31ST

TIME FRAME	ACTIVITY
SEPTEMBER	DEPARTMENT HEADS SUBMIT BUDGET REQUESTS TO FINANCE DIRECTOR
OCTOBER	WORK SESSIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOCUS ON REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS
NOVEMBER	WORK SESSIONS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOCUS ON REVIEW OF THE VARIOUS FUNDS

PROPOSED CHANGES FOR 2022 BUDGET

GENERAL	\$3,465,465	Taxes, Fees	.5 MILL INCREASE PROPOSED
STREET LIGHTING	\$122,140	Real Estate Tax	NO CHANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT OPERATING	\$345,880	Real Estate Tax	NO CHANGE
FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	\$104,280	Real Estate Tax	NO CHANGE
PARKS & RECREATION	\$130,375	Real Estate Tax	NO CHANGE
WATER	\$1,707,860	Utility Fee	AUTHORITY –NO CHANGE PROPOSED
SEWER (WASTEWATER)	\$3,748,395	Utility Fee	AUTHORITY – NO CHANGE PROPOSED
REFUSE (Solid Waste Collection)	\$1,149,510	Utility Fee	NO CHANGE
SPECIAL PROJECTS	\$336,695	Projects	Not Applicable
LIQUID FUELS/ HIGHWAY AID	\$367,745	State (fuel tax)	Not Applicable
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES	\$22,065	Real Estate Tax	.5 MILL INCREASE REQUESTED, NO INCREASE PROPOSED
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$393,200	Transfers	Not Applicable
BULK WATER	\$373,600	Bulk Water Sales	Not Applicable
Total 2022 Budget	\$12,269,210		

Real Estate Tax 101

- 1 mill = \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed property value.
- “Assessed value” is different than the “market value”
- \$45,000 average assessment
- \$45 per mill is average annual amount paid

REAL ESTATE TAXES

AVERAGE ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE	CURRENT MILLAGE RATE FOR BELLEFONTE	PROPOSED INCREASE	TOTAL
	17.765	0.5	18.265
\$45,000	\$ 799.43	\$22.50	\$ 821.93



LAST FEW STEPS

TIME FRAME	ACTIVITY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 6TH COUNCIL MEETING	APPROVE TENTATIVE BUDGET AND ADVERTISEMENT FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION/COMMENT
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH	TENTATIVE BUDGET MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT BOROUGH OFFICE AND POSTED ON WEBSITE AT WWW.BELLEFONTE.NET
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20TH COUNCIL MEETING	APPROVE 2022 BUDGET AND ADOPT TAX LEVY ORDINANCE, APPROVE ANY NEW FEES IN FEE SCHEDULE



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QUESTIONS?