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THE BOROUGH OF LITTLESTOWN
10 South Queen Street ▪ Littlestown, PA 17340 ▪ Council Chamber
BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING ▪ OCTOBER 30, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The Borough Council met in special session and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Council President Baird presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members Present:

Council President, Ron Baird
Council Vice President, Donald Bateman
Council Member, Charlene Westcott
Council Member Betty Bucher
Council Member, Joyce Weatherly
Mayor, James Eline, Sr.

Council Members Excused:

Council Member, Dave Wheeler

Additional Borough Representation:

Secretary/Treasurer, Sandy Conrad
Chief of Police/Borough Manager, Charles Kellar
Director of Public Works, Tim Topper
Borough Engineer, Josh Fox
Borough Solicitor, Todd King

Others in Attendance:

Terry Moser – Resident
John Study – Resident
Carol Bollinger – Resident
Dave Westcott – Resident
Vic Sosnowski – Resident
Grant Muller - Resident
Melanie Thomas – Gettysburg Times
Fred Miller – Resident
Richard Messinger – Resident
Dave and Sharon Lentzner
Scott Small – Alpha Fire Company
Tiffany Leppo – Resident
Jack Ketterman – Germany Township Supervisor
Elwood Albin – Alpha Fire Company
Marilyn and Scott Zanger – Resident
Justin Myers – Resident

FIRE TAX

Council President Baird informed the public that the purpose of this meeting was to get feedback from the public on the possibility of enacting a ¼ mil fire tax.

The fire tax would generate around \$81,000.00. This money will not be handed to the Fire Company. The funds would be placed into an account and the Fire Company would have to submit a detailed budget showing their expenditures and an invoice showing what the cost(s) are for providing fire services to the Borough of Littlestown.

Most of the residents were not opposed to the fire tax but they wanted assurance that they were not going to end up paying for another townships portion.

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Members of the fire company stated that an invoice would be sent to the Borough of Littlestown that would reflect their portion of fire services.

The public also stated that every municipality that the Alpha Fire Company serves should be required to enact this tax. Council informed the public that this was not mandatory. This tax came from a study by the Council of Governments (COG). It was a way to try to keep the volunteer fire companies funded in a fair manner. If other municipalities do not enact the tax then that would be their choice and the fire company would need to work out the donation given by that municipality in an agreement.

Council informed the public there has been no decision made on whether or not this was going to be enacted. If Council does decide to enact a Fire Tax it will not be for another year and within that time there will be more public meetings scheduled.

ADJOURN

Council President Baird adjourned the meeting of the Littlestown Borough Council at 8:45pm.

Sandy Conrad
Secretary/Treasurer

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