

**BOROUGH OF WEST READING  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**December 27, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.**

West Reading Borough Council held a Budget Workshop at Borough Hall on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 with the following persons present: Council President Ryan Lineaweaver; Council Vice President Philip Wert; Council Pro-Tem Christopher Lincoln; Council Members Jennifer Bressler, Patrick Kaag, Denise Drobnick; Mayor Samantha Kaag; Building Code Official & Fire Chief Chad Moyer; Police Chief Wayne Holben; Recreation Director Michael Esterly; Borough Manager Dean Murray; Treasurer Jeanette Rentschler; Assistant Treasurer Helen Moyer; and Borough Secretary Cynthia Madeira.

**VISITORS:** None

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Council President Ryan Lineaweaver called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mr. Lineaweaver stated that an executive session was not held this evening.

4. **AGENDA AMENDMENTS:**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

6. **BUDGET:**

Mr. Lineaweaver requested consideration to adopt the proposed 2023 budget. There were no questions or comments.

Motion to adopt the proposed 2023 budget. **Moved** by Mr. Kaag and seconded by Ms. Drobnick. **Motion carried 7-0.**

7. **ORDINANCES / RESOLUTIONS:**

a. **Ordinance 1160 – Tax Rate Amendment** – Mr. Lineaweaver requested consideration to adopt an amendment to the General-Purpose tax rate increasing the rate from 7.25 to 8.25 mills.

Motion to adopt an amendment to increase the General-Purpose Tax rate by 1.0 mill. **Moved** by Mr. Shaver and seconded by Mrs. Bressler. **Motion carried 7-0.**

b. **Ordinance 1161 – Sewer Disposal Rate Amendment** – Mr. Lineaweaver requested consideration to adopt an increase to the residential and commercial sewer rates for the year 2023.

Motion to adopt an amendment to the Sewer Disposal rates for 2023. **Moved** by Mr. Lincoln and seconded by Mr. Wert. **Motion carried 7-0.**

8. **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT:**

a. **2023 Municipal Tax Sheet** – Mr. Lineaweaver referred to the Berks County Treasurer's Office 2023 Municipal Tax Sheet that portrays the various millage rates noting an increase to the Borough tax millage from 7.25 to 8.25.

Motion to approve the 2023 Municipal Tax Sheet. **Moved** by Ms. Drobnick and seconded by Mr. Kaag. **Motion carried 7-0.**

9. **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Holben requested consideration to ask the Civil Service Commission to certify an eligibility list for the positions of sergeant and entry level police officer.

Motion to request the Civil Service Commission to certify an eligibility list for the positions of sergeant and entry level police officer. **Moved** by Mr. Shaver and seconded by Ms. Drobnick.  
**Motion carried 7-0.**

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There were no public comments.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. **Moved** by Mr. Kaag and seconded by Mr. Lincoln. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Madeira  
Borough Secretary