

BOROUGH OF ROCHESTER
BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
AGENDA – November 21, 2022
6:30 PM

1. Call to order with the pledge of allegiance and roll call.
2. Persons in Attendance (Public Comment)
3. Approve minutes of the October 17, 2022 regular Council meeting.
4. Items for Council’s consideration and action:
 - a. Motion to pay all approved bills.
 - b. Council received for their review and consideration, a draft ordinance removing the north side of Reno Street from Virginia Avenue to the entrance to the Rochester Area School District parking lot from the “Parking prohibited at all times” section to allow for parking in this area.
 - c. Council received for their review and consideration, a proposed 2023 Budget from the Manager. The budget reflects a 1 mill tax increase for general purposes, going from 29 mills to 30 mills; a .5 mill tax reduction in the debt service tax, going from 5.5 mills to 5 mills; and a transfer from the capital reserves of \$290,542 to cover the projected deficit. The budget includes the hiring of 2 additional police officers.
 - d. Council received for their review and consideration, a draft ordinance establishing the 2023 property tax rate at 30 mills for general purposes and 5 mills for debt service
 - e. Council received for their review and consideration, a letter from the Rochester Borough Sewer & Maintenance Authority requesting that Candy Farmer be re-appointed to the Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning January 3, 2023 and ending the first Monday in January 2028.
 - i. Grant Farmer’s term on the Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority’s Board is set to expire January 2, 2023. Mr. Farmer is 1 of 2 Rochester Borough representatives on the Joint Sewer Authority Board. The Sewer Authority is requesting that Mr. Farmer be re-appointed to the Authority Board for a 5-year term beginning January 3, 2023 and ending the first Monday in January 2028.
5. Items for Council’s review and discussion:
 - a. Council received for their review, a thank you letter from the Salvation Army for the Borough’s donation to their annual Christmas Assistance event.
 - b. Council received for their review and consideration, a list of items from Sam Piccinini.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Public Administration – Ron Becker, Chairperson
 - i. Expense and Revenue Report – January 1, 2022 through November 17, 2022.
 - b. Public Safety – Don Brothers, Chairperson
 - i. Garbage collection service has been advertised for bid. The bid opening is December 1, 2022. The Manager will distribute a bid tabulation to Council following the bid opening. The President of Council and the Manager will discuss the possibility of a special meeting to award the contract if needed.

- c. Public Works – Jodi Hemer, Chairperson
 - i. The additional paving Council approved last month will not be completed due to the time of year and weather conditions. The Borough Engineer is putting together a list of streets and alleys to consider for paving in 2023. A cost estimate will be provided as well. If approved, the job would be bid this winter with paving to begin late spring or early summer in 2023.

- d. Recreation

7. Mayor’s Report

8. Solicitor’s Report

9. Code Officer’s Report

10. Police Report

11. Fire Chief’s Report

- a. Council received for their review, the October 2022 Fire Department Report.

12. Manager’s/Treasurer’s Report

- a. Council received for their review, the October 2022 Treasurer’s report.

13. Old Business/New Business

14. Adjournment