

**MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING  
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 7PM**

Ms. Wolbert read the SPECIAL NOTE: To meet the requirements established by the Office of Open Records for virtual meetings, this meeting shall be audio and video recorded via WebEx and East Stroudsburg Borough Virtual Meeting page on Facebook from the initial announcement of the meeting until its end with the exception of the executive session if any, which shall not be recorded.

**PRESENT IN PERSON:** Maury Molin; William Reese; Sonia Wolbert; Edmund Freeborn; Carrie Panepinto; Erika Huber attended via WebEx; Mayor Victor Brozusky; Jayme Naberezny, Borough Manager, Gregg Schuster, former Interim Borough Manager, and Assistant to Borough Manager, Danielle Decker.

**ABSENT:** No one.

**2024 Budget for Stroud Area Regional Police Department (SARPD):**

A motion was made by Mr. Freeborn and seconded by Mr. Molin to approve the 2024 Stroud Area Regional Police Department (SARPD) Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget 2024 Presentation for Borough of East Stroudsburg:**

Mr. Schuster presented two different tax increase scenarios as Council instructed him.

A motion was made by Mr. Freeborn and seconded by Mr. Reese to take a ten-minute recess at 7:31PM. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freeborn and seconded by Mr. Molin to reconvene the meeting at 7:39PM. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Freeborn and seconded by Mr. Reese to advertise for public hearing to be held on December 19, 2023, at 7:15PM. Proposed Borough Ordinance 1401-23 setting the real estate tax rate for the Borough of East Stroudsburg 2024 Budget year at 6.1747 mils representing an increase of 1 mil over the 2023 Budget year pursuant to 8 Pa.C.S.A. §§1310.1, 3301.1(b), and 3301.2. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Freeborn to advertise, pursuant to 3 Pa.C.S.A. §§1307 and 1308, Notice that the East Stroudsburg Borough proposed budget for year 2024, as amended to restore \$100,000 in previously cut Capital, is available for inspection for a period of thirty (30) days at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building, 24 Analomink Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301, between the hours of 8AM and 5PM, and is available for inspection at the Borough Website [www.eaststroudsburgboro.org](http://www.eaststroudsburgboro.org), and such Notice shall provide a summary of the 2024 budget, with further Notice of public hearing to adopt the 2024 proposed budget on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023, at 7:15PM, at the East Stroudsburg Borough Municipal Building. The 2024 Borough budget includes an increase of 1 mil or approximately \$152 per household.

**Public Comments:**

Bruce Smith of North Green Street inquired about the work UGI did on his street and asked about garbage being picked up.

Sonia Wolbert announced correspondence she received via the mail on a SARPD citation and a tax appeal for 940 Holdings, LLC.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ms. Panepinto and seconded by Mr. Freeborn to adjourn the meeting at 8:01PM. Motion passed unanimously.