SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 1993

President Simpson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Those council persons present included Mr. Schmitt, Ms. Giles, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Zellner, and Mr. Troxell; Mrs. Rice, Mr. Ditzler and Mr. DeHaas absent. Also in attendance Don Oyler, Mr. Sterner, Tracy Lower, representing the Times and Sharon Hare representing the Evening Sun.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider an ordinance which would reduce the commission paid to the Borough's elected tax collector. Both the County and School District have reduced their respective commissions.

After a brief study and discussions with several council persons, solicitor, county and school officials, the Manager recommends that the commission be reduced from 3 per cent of the taxes collected at discount and 5 per cent at par and penalty, to 1.5 per cent of the taxes collected. Sterner noted the commission would be reduced from $27,659 in 1992 to approximately $13,770 in 1994. He noted that this amount, together with the county and school would total an annual commission for the collector of about $28,700 in 1994. Also, it is estimated that should the Borough be required to appoint its collector, a part-time person could be hired to collect the Borough taxes for about $13,000.

Mrs. Gustafson noted that an increase to 1.75 per cent may entice a more competent person to run for the office. Also, since the collector is responsible for their own office space, the proposed amount may not be sufficient to cover that expense.

After much discussion, Ms. Giles moved, seconded Mr. Troxell to adopt an ordinance establishing the commission for the collection of Borough taxes effective January 1, 1994 at 1.5 per cent of the tax revenues collected. YEA: Mr. Schmitt, Mr. Troxell, Mr. Zellner and Ms. Giles. NAY: Mrs. Gustafson. Motion carried.

Literature was distributed to Council from Sammons Communications for review. The Utility Committee continues to review the CATV franchise renewal which is due in 1995.

After review and recommendation of the Manager, Mr. Schmitt moved, seconded Mr. Troxell to award the bids for highway equipment rental to C.E. Williams and asphalt from Bituminous Paving Company. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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