

**1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEARING – COUNCIL BILLS  
NO. 1985 – 2025 BUDGET, NO. 1986 – 2025 TAX LEVY,  
NO. 1987 – SEWER RATES AND NO. 1988 – WATER RATES  
Monday, December 9, 2024 @ 5:50 p.m.**

Third Ward Firehall Social Room, 301 First Street, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, December 9, 2024, at 5:50 p.m.; the Public Hearing on Council Bills No. 1985 – 2025 Budget; No. 1986 – 2025 Tax Levy; No. 1987 – Sewer Rates; and No. 1988 – Water Rates.

Mayor Pat Reasinger called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. Reasinger turned the meeting over to Lisa Hagberg of the Interim Management team from Kafferlin Strategies.

**PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING**

The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the advertised Council Bills No. 1985 – 2025 Budget, No. 1986 – 2025 Tax Levy, No. 1987 – 2025 Sewer Rates, and No. 1988 – 2025 Water Rates.

**RESIDENT COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Anthony Suplizio – W. Weber Avenue

“Is the \$2.00 increase per 1,000 gallons?” Hagberg confirmed.

Joel Keen – Home Camp Road

“So, am I correct? This is a 13.4% increase in sewage and 23.5% increase in water?” Hagberg did not have that calculation but noted it will generate an additional \$514,000.00 annually. Keen said residents were led to believe that with consolidation rates would decrease. “Seems like we’re going the other way.” Aughenbaugh added that a study is being conducted on what rates will look like after consolidation. Keen said, “It just seems like a lot of an increase to me. Waste Management was here a few weeks ago asking for 7% for dumpsters and was turned down.”

Hagberg read the four Council Bills. After the reading of Council Bill No. 1976 – 2025 Tax Levy, Solicitor Associate Gieg noted typographical errors in Section 1 and Section 3 where the numbers in parenthesis did not match the words preceding them. Hagberg clarified, “It should be 10 mills in Section 1 and 1.75 mills in Section 3. These changes are due to Clearfield County changing the predetermined ratio.” Corrections will be made and uploaded to the website.

**ADDITIONAL RESIDENT COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Joel Keen – Home Camp Road

Keen inquired, “Does the PUC need to be notified of a water rate increase?” Hagberg replied, “No.”

Joe Becker – E. Sheridan Avenue

“Does the proposed budget include in the increases in the rates?” Hagberg replied, “Yes.”

Anthony Suplizio – W. Weber Avenue

“What are we being charged for water now as compared to the new rates?” Hagberg did not have that information and will report back.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no other questions or comments, at 6:09 pm the motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Jackson that the public hearing be adjourned. Roll call was as follows: Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Gelfand, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

ATTEST: Karbi Slocum

APPROVED: Lisa M Hagberg