

**FOUNTAIN HILL BOROUGH COUNCIL
BUDGET MINUTES
October 22, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

1. **Roll Call & Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Presentation(s)**
3. **Resolutions:**
4. **Ordinances:**
5. **Discussion Items:**

- 2018 Budget discussions
 - Fire – no change from 2018
 - Police

Chief Bachert presented Council the budget for 2019. Mr. Branco informed Council that many of the figures listed in the police budget are to represent a worse case scenario due to the pending Police Arbitration for the upcoming contract.

Chief Bachert presented Council with various handouts related to Lehigh County Police Chief's salaries as well as Police Secretary salaries for Council's review.

Mr. Atkinson presented Council with a spread sheet overview showing the following;

Municipality	Total Municipal Budget	Police Budget	Police as % of total budget	Police Overtime Budget	PD Overtime as % of Police Budget	PD Overtime as % of Muni Budget
Fountain Hill	\$3,034,079.40	\$1,033,001.94	34.05%	\$150,000.00	14.52%	4.94%
Emmaus	\$11,693,822.00	\$2,859,407.00	24.45%	\$240,000.00	8.39%	2.05%
Catasauqua (2017)	\$14,109,465.00	\$1,198,195.00	8.49%	\$60,000.00	5.01%	0.43%
Bethlehem	\$76,200,000.00	\$14,357,644.00	18.84%	\$676,000.00	4.71%	0.89%
North Catasauqua (2017)	\$1,583,000.00	\$585,315.00	36.98%	\$25,106.54	4.29%	1.59%
Hellertown	\$4,260,873.34	\$1,668,086.54	39.15%	\$68,996.00	4.14%	1.62%
Coplay	\$2,325,224.00	\$475,376.00	20.44%	\$19,000.00	4.00%	0.82%

Lower Saucon Township	\$7,699,183.40	\$2,761,329.40	35.87%	\$110,000.00	3.98%	1.43%
Upper Macungie Township	\$29,524,081.00	\$4,501,244.00	15.25%	\$170,000.00	3.78%	0.58%
Salisbury Township	\$8,943,412.00	\$1,936,100.00	21.65%	\$70,000.00	3.62%	0.78%
Bethlehem Township	\$18,543,824.00	\$5,661,530.00	30.53%	\$180,000.00	3.18%	0.97%
Bath	\$1,442,563.39	\$422,112.83	29.26%	\$0.00	0.00%	0.00%

Chief Bachert stated the he currently has 20 open shifts, and the adding another full-time position would help reduce the \$150,000 OT line item. Chief Bachert also stated that the part-time officers are only allowed to work 32 hours a week which leaves these open shifts up for grabs by the full-time officers resulting in the OT. Mr. Atkinson stated that is seems the \$150,000 has remained steady for the last few years.

After additional discussion, the following line items have been adjusted;

- # 410.27 Animal Control – from \$200 to \$400
- #410.471 Examination Service Fee – add \$2,000
- #410.75 State Accreditation – add \$5,000

- Recreation

Mr. Atkinson made a presentation related to the 8-week rec program held at the park every summer. The proposal is as follows;