

**DRAFT  
DICKSON CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING  
DPW AND POLICE 2021 BUDGETS  
OCTOBER 13, 2020  
6:00 P.M.**

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**Jeffrey Kovaleski- President**

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**Donna Sosik - Secretary**

**Pledge of Allegiance by Council President**

**Roll Call: VIA SKYPE**

**Mrs. Georgia Adamitis – Present**

**Mr. Robert Hall - Present**

**Mr. Richard Cesari – Present**

**Mr. Jack Horvath - Present**

**Mr. Michael Fedorka – Present**

**Mr. Stan Prushinski - Absent**

**Mr. Jeffrey Kovaleski - Present**

**Purpose of this meeting is to discuss, preliminary budgets for DPW Department and Police Dept. for 2021.**

**Chairman Kovaleski turned this presentation over to borough manager, Ches Forconi.**

**Adamitis asked if John will be in on this meeting. Ches replied he had spoken to John and Will and both had copies. Neither thought they needed to be in on this particular meeting.**

**Ches, proceeded to explain this proposed budget, displaying proposed budgets from 2017 through 2021. A few notes as follow.**

**427-100 Salaries differences are contractual. This also includes one position currently empty. This would go down if council does not fill that position.**

**430-326 Service Communication, telephones. Speaking with Tom about how this really should be moved over to general government or over to police.**

**430-720 Capital Construction & Repairs to Sewars. This is lower because all materials for Huntington Drive have been paid for from 2020 budget, which still has to be finished.**

**430-740 Capital Purchases is for leases we currently have, a Ford 350 Freightliner a small dump truck. This also includes 4 months of a 6-year lease for a garbage truck. If it is ordered early next year, it will have a 7or 8 months waiting time.**

**Proposed savings from 2020 to 2021 would be \$8,500.00.**

**COUNCIL COMMENT**

**Adamitis:** Questioned the drop on Non-Uniform Pension. Ches explained this is what the MMO is anticipated to be. He added this is the minimum that has to be put in. However, more can be put into this. Past years more was put in than was necessary.

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Kovaleski said yes, when we first came aboard around 2012 - 2013, we were underfunded in that department at only 63% funding in pension obligation with DPW non-uniform. We are currently over funded over 100% and no need to put more in.

**Kovaleski:**

1. Asked Ches, due to new recycling guidelines, does the land fill fee need to be increased. Ches it does not, because we are currently taking it to the recycling center now at a less fee, and it will be reimbursed for the difference at the end of the year. He then corrected himself and added there will be an additional fee back to the land fill, but to the recycling center to cover \$40 a ton and will have to be calculated when they can get together. A separate column will be added for the Recycling Center for this fee. Kovaleski said he assumed this fee would be about \$18,000 to \$20,000 more, based on the numbers received at a meeting earlier this year. Ches agreed.
2. Asked in regard to Capital Construction & Repair to Sewers. Asked if \$50,000 would be enough to cover materials Scott Road. Ches replied yes it will. A couple cross pipes need to be put in and a pipe down the side to catch basin on corner of Dundaff and Scott Road.

Ches proceeded to present the Preliminary Police Budget 2021. A few notes as follow.

**410-101** Salary of Patrolmen (full time) went down. For some reason 2020 budget had an additional police officer he assumed.

**410-102** Salaries of Part Time Police down because with two new hires the need for part time will go down for this year.

**410-242** Ammunition, may want to raise this year.

**410-375** Vehicle Maintenance, have been going over budget, however, may need to raise as they have been tough on vehicles.

**410-750** Capital Purchases/leases, one car coming off in middle of year and one new car we currently added, and continue for the whole year.

New line item is because what for police server for all the computers. They are currently using Windows Seven Professional and whatever version of Windows they were using on the server software is no longer supported by Microsoft. This is same server borough had since moving into the building, and this was critical for the police. A new server was priced and installed.

**411-540** Donations. Lowered because there is no longer and ambulance

**411-231** Ambulance Gas. No longer needed.

Approximated difference is a negative \$40,982.50.

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**COUNCIL COMMENT**

**Adamitis:**

1. Asked why we lease tasers, is there a fairly large difference? Ches explained it is less money at the time, and a lease package has warranty for the whole time they are under lease. This package also included the holsters and chargers.
2. What was yearly donation to the ambulance? Kovaleski \$20,000 was for Fire Department and \$19,000 was for Ambulance.

**Fedorka:** Commented that ammunition was going crazy during COVID.

**Kovaleski:**

1. Clarified the decrease in salaries was down because officer Ranakoski, who had a higher salary, left and new higher start at \$50,000.
2. Asked how was overtime currently with police? Ches explained as of October 9<sup>th</sup> it stands at \$62,000.

**Motion by Mr. Fedorka Seconded by Mr. Horvath to adjourn the Special Budget Meeting of October 13, 2020**

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