



COUNTY of LUZERNE
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**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING**

April 23, 2019
Council Meeting Room
Luzerne County Courthouse
200 N. River Street
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

5:40 CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County (Drug Task Force Officer)

Each speaker shall have three (3) minutes to address the Agenda item. Each speaker is asked to submit a Speaker Card before the first speaker is called and to limit individual comments to three (3) minutes. Speakers may not yield or transfer their time to another speaker.

ADJOURNMENT



AGENDA SUBMITTAL TO LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

<u>ITEM TITLE</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEETING DATE</u>	<u>AGENDA NUMBER</u>
Budget Amendment to Reflect Receipt of Funds from Office of the Attorney General to fund Drug Task Force Officer Position.	March 26 and April 9, 2019	
Department:	District Attorney's Office	
Contact:	Stefanie Salavantis, Esquire	
Phone:	570-825-1674	

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Luzerne County approve the Budget Amendment to reflect the receipt of \$45,000 from the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General to fund the salary of a Drug Task Force Officer.

SUMMARY:

The District Attorney's Office has been made aware that there is funding available through the Office of Attorney General for the creation of a Drug Task Force Officer position. The Drug Task Force Officer would be responsible for conducting narcotics investigations throughout Luzerne County. A job description for the position is attached hereto which further details the qualifications and responsibilities of the position. The position is full time and is not a union position.

FINANCING:

The Drug Task Officer's salary will be funded by the Office of the Attorney General. Luzerne County would be responsible for funding healthcare and pension related expenses.

DISCUSSION:

A budget amendment would be needed in order to properly reflect the revenue from the new position which would be used to pay the salary. Corresponding expense items may also need to be adjusted.

ALTERNATIVES:

Luzerne County Council could choose to not amend the budget to account for the creation of this position.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

No. 2019-____

ORDINANCE

*An Ordinance of County Council for the County of Luzerne
Amending the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for Luzerne County*

WHEREAS, the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office was informed that funding is available through the Pennsylvania Attorney General for the creation of a Full Time Drug Task Force Officer position; and

WHEREAS, the position within the Luzerne County District Attorney's Office would be responsible for initiating narcotics investigations throughout Luzerne County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Home Rule Charter of Luzerne County, County Council adopted the 2019 Fiscal Year Budgets which accounted for anticipated revenue and expenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.10.F. of the Home Rule Charter states County Council may amend any of the budgets at any time during the fiscal year by ordinance adopted by an affirmative vote of at least a majority plus one of its current members after a public hearing has been held; and

WHEREAS, County Council for Luzerne desires to amend the Budget at the appropriate line items in order to account for the receipt of funds from the Office of the Attorney General to cover the salary for the Drug Task Force Officer position, as well as, amending the budget to account for the expenditure of funds for salary and healthcare related expenses associated with the position.

NOW, THEREFORE, the following is hereby ENACTED and ORDAINED by the Luzerne County Council:

SECTION ONE. Incorporation of Preamble.

The provisions set forth in the preamble to this Ordinance are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

SECTION TWO. Amendment of Line Items in Budget.

A public hearing having been held on _____, 2019, County Council hereby amends the following line item in the 2019 fiscal year budget in order to account for the receipt of funds from the Office of Attorney General to pay the salary for a Drug Task Force Officer:

Add \$45,000 in revenue to line item _____ (General Fund)
Deduct payroll expenses at line item _____
Deduct healthcare expenses at line item _____

SECTION THREE. Remainder of Budget.

All other line items in the 2019 Fiscal Year Luzerne County Budget shall remain unchanged.

SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after enactment.

Enacted by County Council, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

AYES:

NAYS:

Attest:

Tim McGinley, Chair

Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of County Council

Eugene Kelleher, Vice-Chair