

---

**Subject:** Penguins Meeting  
**Location:** Toyota Complex  
  
**Start:** Fri 12/6/2019 10:00 AM  
**End:** Fri 12/6/2019 10:30 AM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
  
**Organizer:** Pedri, David  
**Required Attendees:** Wampole, Theodore

Hold this time

---

**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Subject:** Budget Amendment

Hello Chair McGinley,  
Here is another one of my budget amendment for council's consideration:

Remove 2% Merit Increases for Non-Represented/Non-Elected Officials  
\$111,450 reduced to 0

Remove 2% Merit Increases for Non-Represented Elected Offices (Staff)  
Controller - \$2,680 reduced to 0  
District Attorney - \$9,785 reduced to 0  
Judiciary. - \$112,841. reduced to 0

Total proposed reduction = \$236,756

---

**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Subject:** Budget Amendment

Hello Chair McGinley,  
Here is another one of my budget amendment for council's consideration:

Remove 2% Merit Increases for Non-Represented/Non-Elected Officials  
\$111,450 reduced to 0

Remove 2% Merit Increases for Non-Represented Elected Offices (Staff)

Controller - \$2,680 reduced to 0

District Attorney - \$9,785 reduced to 0

Judiciary. - \$112,841. reduced to 0

Total proposed reduction = \$236,756

---

**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Sent:** Monday, November 25, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Subject:** Budget Amendment

Hello Chair McGinley,  
Here is another one of my budget amendment for council's consideration:

Remove 2% Merit Increases for Non-Represented/Non-Elected Officials  
\$111,450 reduced to 0

Remove 2% Merit Increases for Non-Represented Elected Offices (Staff)

Controller - \$2,680 reduced to 0

District Attorney - \$9,785 reduced to 0

Judiciary. - \$112,841. reduced to 0

Total proposed reduction = \$236,756

---

**From:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 13, 2019 11:51 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Walsh Waitkus, Jane  
**Subject:** Budget Amendments

Hi Chair McGinley,  
Here are two suggested budget amendments:

Division:50 - Operations Services

Department : 4171 - Planning & Zoning

Line and Description:  
550.15 Other Contractual Services

Amendment: 436,000 to 300,000

Division:40 - Correctional Services

Department : 4233 - Corrections Administration

Line and Description :  
550.83 Outside Inmate Housing

Amendment : 200,000 to 100,000

Total to general fund revenue : 236,000

Best regards,  
Jane

---

**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 10, 2019 5:17 PM  
**To:** Haas, Harry  
**Subject:** Re: BPRC Appointments

There are no citizens on the eligibility list.

---

**From:** Haas, Harry <Harry.Haas@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2019 9:31 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>; McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Re: BPRC Appointments

Thank you, Sharon and Tim.

Now council just needs to approve the citizen member of the BPRC. I again request that it's on the next voting agenda so that the committee can finally take official action at its Monday, Nov 25 meeting.

Thank you,

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2019 12:04:46 PM  
**To:** Haas, Harry <Harry.Haas@luzernecounty.org>; McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: BPRC Appointments

Hi Harry,  
Mr. McGinley asked me to send you a copy of your appointment resolution. You are good until 2020.  
Thank you,  
Sharon

Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of County Council  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
Email: [sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org](mailto:sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org) Phone: (570) 825-1634

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** BPRC Appointments

Mr. Chairman,

Please include on next week's agenda the appointment of a council member and citizen member of the blighted property review committee.

Thank you,  
Harry

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Friday, November 08, 2019 9:31 PM  
**To:** Lawrence, Sharon;McGinley, Tim  
**Subject:** Re: BPRC Appointments

Thank you, Sharon and Tim.

Now council just needs to approve the citizen member of the BPRC. I again request that it's on the next voting agenda so that the committee can finally take official action at its Monday, Nov 25 meeting.

Thank you,

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 8, 2019 12:04:46 PM  
**To:** Haas, Harry <Harry.Haas@luzernecounty.org>; McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: BPRC Appointments

Hi Harry,  
Mr. McGinley asked me to send you a copy of your appointment resolution. You are good until 2020.  
Thank you,  
Sharon

Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of County Council  
Luzerne County Courthouse  
200 North River Street  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711  
Email: [sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org](mailto:sharon.lawrence@luzernecounty.org) Phone (570) 825-1634

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** BPRC Appointments

Mr. Chairman,

Please include on next week's agenda the appointment of a council member and citizen member of the blighted property review committee.

Thank you,  
Harry  
Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 07, 2019 11:20 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Call-in for 11/12 mtg

Mr. Chairman,

I will have to call in for the November 12 meeting.

Additionally, can you make sure that there is a draft letter of support against the closing of SCI-Retreat composed by the solicitor on the agenda?

Thank you,

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**Subject:** Hanover Township Planning Initiative  
**Location:** Earth Conservancy  
  
**Start:** Thu 1/9/2020 5:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 1/9/2020 6:00 PM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
  
**Organizer:** Pedri, David  
**Required Attendees:** Pedri, David

Contact: Karen at Earth Conservancy (570) 899-9842

---

**Subject:** Hanover Township Planning Initiative  
**Location:** Earth Conservancy  
  
**Start:** Thu 1/9/2020 5:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 1/9/2020 6:00 PM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
  
**Organizer:** Pedri, David  
**Required Attendees:** Pedri, David

Contact: Karen at Earth Conservancy (570) 899-9842

---

**Subject:** Hanover Township Planning Initiative  
**Location:** Earth Conservancy  
  
**Start:** Thu 1/9/2020 5:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 1/9/2020 6:00 PM  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Meeting organizer  
  
**Organizer:** Pedri, David  
**Required Attendees:** Pedri, David

Contact: Karen at Earth Conservancy (570) 899-9842

---

**Subject:** Hanover Township Planning Initiative  
**Location:** Earth Conservancy  
  
**Start:** Thu 1/9/2020 5:00 PM  
**End:** Thu 1/9/2020 6:00 PM  
**Show Time As:** Tentative  
  
**Recurrence:** (none)  
  
**Meeting Status:** Not yet responded  
  
**Organizer:** Pedri, David  
**Required Attendees:** Pedri, David

Contact: Karen at Earth Conservancy (570) 899-9842

---

**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 06, 2019 4:46 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon  
**Subject:** Position budgets in other counties

Here are some links to position budgets in other governmental bodies:

[https://www.sigov.org/uploadedfiles/sjc/departments/cao/final\\_budget/2018-2019/position%20budget%20detail.pdf](https://www.sigov.org/uploadedfiles/sjc/departments/cao/final_budget/2018-2019/position%20budget%20detail.pdf)

<https://www.buttecounty.net/Portals/1/Budget/FY18-19RecommendedBudget/positionallocation.pdf>

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/files/county/administrative-services/PSB/BudgetsCopy-1/2019-Budget/2019-Proposed-Budget/5.2019BudgetPositionDetail.pdf>

---

**From:** Houck, Linda McClosky  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 03, 2019 7:52 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Cc:** Luzerne County Council Members  
**Subject:** solicitor conflict of interest

Mr. McGinley,

1. Would you please ask the County Solicitor to provide an explanation of the "conflict of interest" that is her rationale for hiring an outside solicitor regarding the Writ of Mandamus that was filed on Friday?

Although no information was sent to Council regarding this matter, from the media report I understand that an outside legal firm has been engaged regarding this matter, which was filed regarding specific actions of one Council member.

Given that Ms. Crocamo was quoted in the November 2, 2019 news article as calling the filing "frivolous," It appears that she has already engaged in reviewing and providing a public opinion on the matter.

I do not see how engaging an outside firm is necessary given the actions she has already taken and the opinion she has already offered publicly. If the rationale is that a conflict of interest exists or might exist, Ms, Crocamo's opinions (given as County Solicitor) are not appropriate, as all comments should be issued from the attorney engaged for that purpose and all questions directed there as well. If they ARE appropriate, then there is no reason to engage outside counsel at cost to the County.

2. Regarding our budgetary discussions and the cancellation of tomorrow's session: would you please issue a new schedule of budget work sessions delineating which Divisions will be covered in which of the remaining meetings?

3. Also regarding budgetary discussions, and Budget and Finance in particular: Do we have an expected date for the following items?

- a. Approval of Tax Collection agent, which will impact the B&F Divisional budget
- b. Review of 2019 Audit with CLA Auditors.

Thank you -

Linda Houck

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Friday, November 01, 2019 8:54 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Subject:** Re: BPRC Appointments

Thank you

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 11:44:02 AM  
**To:** Haas, Harry <Harry.Haas@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: BPRC Appointments

The appointment of the council member will be on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. I will check to see if we have any candidates for citizen position.

Jane Waitkus is trying to schedule interviews for ABC positions.

Tim McGinley

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 7:37 AM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** BPRC Appointments

Mr. Chairman,

Please include on next week's agenda the appointment of a council member and citizen member of the blighted property review committee.

Thank you,

Harry

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Friday, November 01, 2019 8:51 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim  
**Subject:** Re: Retreat Letter of Support

Thank you

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 1, 2019 10:22:32 AM  
**To:** Haas, Harry <Harry.Haas@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** RE: Retreat Letter of Support

Mr. Haas,

I believe that I indicated that the Solicitor's Office was researching to get the Senate and House Bills. Once, they had the information, a resolution would be written to vote upon by Council. If all the information is available ,the resolution will be voted on at the Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thanks,

TimMcGinley

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 10:59 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Retreat Letter of Support

Mr. Chairman,

Can we make sure the letter of support for the continued operation of SCI Retreat is approved and next meeting? I thought that when I brought it up at the Hazle Township meeting there was consensus to have the Office of Law draft a letter concurrently with the letter of support for the White Haven Center.

Thank you,

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

---

**From:** McGinley, Tim  
**Sent:** Friday, November 01, 2019 10:23 AM  
**To:** Haas, Harry  
**Subject:** RE: Retreat Letter of Support

Mr. Haas,

I believe that I indicated that the Solicitor's Office was researching to get the Senate and House Bills. Once, they had the information, a resolution would be written to vote upon by Council. If all the information is available ,the resolution will be voted on at the Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thanks,

TimMcGinley

---

**From:** Haas, Harry  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 31, 2019 10:59 PM  
**To:** McGinley, Tim <Tim.McGinley@luzernecounty.org>  
**Cc:** Lawrence, Sharon <Sharon.Lawrence@luzernecounty.org>  
**Subject:** Retreat Letter of Support

Mr. Chairman,

Can we make sure the letter of support for the continued operation of SCI Retreat is approved and next meeting? I thought that when I brought it up at the Hazle Township meeting there was consensus to have the Office of Law draft a letter concurrently with the letter of support for the White Haven Center.

Thank you,

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)