
From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2015 2:26 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: interim manager

Fellow councilpersons:

I must offer to you an apology for being partially, if not totally, responsible for the consternation created by seeking interim managerial help. I, at a past date, suggested to the chair that a possible part time manager, of experience, be sought out. I suggested, among other agencies, contact with ICMA. I have no veiled agenda in mind except to help us begin the new year in a positive fashion.

I feel the chair acted in good faith and with county interests in mind. There are many advantages to seeking outside assistance. Namely, a view of where we are, where we are going and suggestions, from an experienced manager, how we can improve and be more successful. An outside person would have no "dog in any fight" only his professional knowledge to impart.

Again, I accept any criticism you wish to pass on, as I was part and parcel of the actions of the chair for which you are criticizing.

It is only with the best interests of the county that I, as do you, offer suggestions and ideas for improvement in our county life and residents.

Sincerely, Edd Brominski

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Saturday, December 12, 2015 11:33 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: who asked

Madam Chair:

Who prompted and paid to have the study by S&P done on Luzerne County? Didn't we just have one shortly before? I believe it was done to merely increase the profit to a lender. What exactly were the reasons for reducing our rating? Please ask for the response to these questions in writing. The only ones gaining are the banks. The reduction is based on opinion and not facts!!

What changed so drastically from when we got a bond rating to the denial and reduction to BB rating??

Edd Brominski

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Friday, December 11, 2015 10:52 AM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Non profit leases for profit

Madam chair:

I believe we should have the assessment office review all non profits, such as King's College, to assert the amount of income they generate from renting or leasing some of it's property to profit organizations. King's is presently proposing to do rent or lease space to Chic Fil A and presently does rent to ZIME. I believe both sources should be on the tax rolls as income properties for King's. I hope you can provide a response to this inquiry as soon as possible.

Thank You.. Edd Brominski

From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 6:51 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Cc: Lawrence, Sharon
Subject: Proposed Budget Amendments #5

Council,

I propose to transfer saving from the following line item amendments to the general fund revenues in order to prevent a tax increase or loss in staff.

20 Budget and Finance

4114 B&D Administration

465.10 Commerce Bank Control Pay (\$20,000)-->(30,000)
540.14 Office Supplies \$3,911 --> \$3,750
540.70 Small Tools and Minor Equipment \$3,000 --> \$2,000
550.17 Management/Consulting Services \$343,000 --> \$270,000
550.30 Advertising \$2,900 --> \$1,500

4114 Savings: \$85,561

4136 Assessors

540.17 Office Supplies \$6,816 --> \$6,000
550.15 Other Contractual Services \$46,770 --> \$48,170

4136 Expenditures Increase: \$584

4137 Tax Collection

540.73 Postage \$13,573 --> (waiting for figure from mgmt)

4139 Treasurer

540.22 Computer Software \$12,165 --> \$0
550.17 Management/Consulting Services \$8,500 --> \$3,000

4139 Savings: \$17,665

4176 General Government Operations

445.10 Other Income (\$7,000) --> (7,200)

4176 Savings: \$200

Total Transfer from Division 20/Budget and Finance to General Fund: \$102,842

Sincerely,
Harry

Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman

From: Haas, Harry
Sent: Wednesday, December 02, 2015 7:19 AM
To: Haas, Harry; Luzerne County Council Members
Cc: Lawrence, Sharon
Subject: Proposed Budget Amendments #4

Council,

I propose to transfer saving from the following line item amendments to the general fund revenues in order to prevent a tax increase or loss in staff.

50 Operational Services

4171 Planning and Zoning

550.53 rent of buildings \$16,800 --> \$0

4171 Savings: \$16,800

4174 Building and Grounds

460.28 expense reimbursement (\$17,000)-->(\$15,550)

510.45 Wages Holiday Pay \$1,000 --> \$0

510.50 Wages Longevity* \$13,200 -->\$7,750 *CL said that this seemed erroneous b/c it was stopped after 2001

550.48 Repairs/Maintenance Misc \$29,000 --> \$2,000

4174 Savings: \$32,000

4177 Boiler Plant

540.14 Office Supplies \$184 -->\$100

4177 Savings: \$84

4286 Luzerne County 911

435.37 PEMA 911 Revenue Fund 260 (\$5,785,800) --> (\$6,000,000)

510.20 Wages Represented* Fund 260 \$2,379,215 --> \$2,659,215 *B&F will have to prorate the payroll increases accordingly (THESE TWO ITEMS SHOULD BE REVENUE NEUTRAL)

540.64 Vehicle Fuel - Gas \$10,000 --> \$5,000

540.73 Postage \$2,500 -->\$1,500

550.15 Other Contractual Services \$2,500 -->\$1,000

550.15 Other Contractual Services Fund 220 \$440,000 -->\$240,000

550.19 Special Legal Services \$5,000 -->\$0

550.27 Travel Expense \$3,500 --> \$1,000

550.38 Electricity \$85,000 --> \$81,000

550.40 Gas \$14,000 --> \$12,500

550.72 Repairs/Maintenance Vehicles\$7,000 --> \$5,000

560.64 Meeting/Conf/Training Fees Fund 2 \$5,000 --> \$0 560.67Misc Ineligible \$2,500 --> \$2,200

4286 Savings: \$227,800

4291 EMA

435.14 EMA Fund 460 \$0 --> (\$18,242)

4291 Savings: \$18,242

4310 Road and Bridge

550.50 Repairs/Maintenance Roads \$24,000 --> \$0

4310 Savings: \$24,000

4315 Engineers

550.17 Management/Consulting* \$100,000 --> \$50,000 *Capital Plan budget will be reopened and prioritize \$50,000 for consulting

550.27 Travel Expense \$2,000 --> \$1,000

4315 Savings: \$51,000

Total Transfer from Division 50/Op Services to General Fund: \$369,926

Sincerely,
Harry

Harry Haas
Luzerne County Councilman