

**WARREN CITY COUNCIL
2018 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2017 – 5:30 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

Mayor Cashman opened the Public Hearing at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Council members in attendance were Mayor Maurice Cashman, Elissa Davis, Philip Gilbert, Richard Kolcharno, John Lewis, and James A. Zavinski, Sr. Members of City Staff present were Mrs. Freenock, Mr. Holtz, Mrs. Leary, Mrs. Risinger, Mrs. Williams, and Chief Deppen.

PUBLIC PRESENT

- Paul Giannini: Council Member Elect
- Ken Hinton: Building Code Official
- Josh Cotton: Times Observer Reporter

Mrs. Freenock stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing was for City Council to hear comments and concerns from the public regarding the proposed 2018 Municipal Budget. She further stated that the proposed budget includes the General Fund in the amount of \$10,072,458 which consists of: Finance and Administrative Services (\$2,811,350), Police Department (\$1,957,546), Fire Department (\$2,403,060), Department of Public Works (\$2,389,985), Community and Economic Development (\$110,288), and Codes Department (\$400,229); Community Improvement Program Fund (CIP) in the amount of \$2,481,300; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$2,273,480; and Parking Fund in the amount of \$552,197.

Mrs. Freenock noted that the proposed budget was available for public review at the Municipal Building, on the City's web site, and in the Reference Room of the Warren Public Library.

There being no citizens present who wished to provide comment regarding the proposed budget, Mayor Cashman declared the hearing closed.

OPENING OF SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Cashman presided over the December 11, 2017 special meeting of Warren City Council and opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

See Public Hearing above.

VISITORS

See Public Hearing above.

AGREEMENT: CONEWANGO TOWNSHIP – BUILDING CODE INSPECTION SERVICES

Mrs. Williams noted that the City has entered into agreements with several municipalities for the performance of third-party Building Code inspections.

She stated that the City was recently contacted by Conewango Township indicating its interest in entering into an agreement with the City for the performance of third-party PA Uniform Construction Code (PA UCC) inspection services which include the issuance of building permits, plan reviews, and inspections leading to a Certificate of Occupancy for the project. Subsequently, the City provided a draft agreement for the Township's review. It was noted that the services provided would not entail enforcement of property maintenance and/or nuisance issues.

At a meeting of the Conewango Township Supervisors held on Monday, November 13, 2017, the Supervisors voted in favor of entering into an agreement with the City for the provision of Building Code Inspection Services. Based on prior Township building permit activity, it was determined that the City Building Codes Department would be able to meet the Township's inspection needs without compromising the level of services provided within the City.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis and second by Mr. Zavinski, Council members present voted unanimously to approve the agreement with Conewango Township for the provision of Building Code Inspection Services.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before Council, Mayor Cashman declared the meeting adjourned.