



BOROUGH OF CHESTER HEIGHTS
53 W Baltimore Pike 2nd floor
P. O. Box 658
Chester Heights, PA 19017
Public Budget Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024, at 7:00 pm

Fire Company and Emergency Services

Call to Order Vice President Natalie Young called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Roll Call Marta Driscoll, President
Natalie Young, Vice President
Jeanne Montgomery, Pro Tem
Natalie Anderson, Councilmember
Drew Baum, Councilmember
Timothy Hudak, Councilmember
Anne Searl, Councilmember
Ginamarie Ellis, Mayor

Budget Summary:

The budget meeting held on October 7, 2024, focused on the financial and operational status of the Chester Heights Fire Company, a volunteer organization established in 1947 that averages 383 calls annually. Key presentations outlined the company's annual operating budget of \$147,000, which is funded through various sources including fire taxes and local service taxes, resulting in a net revenue of \$99,000 allocated for capital needs. However, the company faces a \$38,000 budget shortfall for 2025, prompting discussions on potential partnerships with the Chester Heights borough to address this gap, including the possibility of increasing fire taxes by an estimated \$5 per household. The meeting also highlighted the impact of local population growth on fire services, underscored the importance of community engagement for future funding solutions, and established action items for both the fire company and borough council to ensure ongoing communication and financial transparency.

Adjournment: Upon Motion, Council adjourned the public committee meeting at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Christiana Barbour, Administrative Assistant