

Summit Hill Borough Council
December 22, 2025, 8:00 a.m. Borough Hall

The special meeting of the Summit Hill Borough Council was held at the above time and place with President David Wargo presiding.

Roll Call – President David Wargo, Vice President Joseph Weber, Karen Ruzicka, Alan Kruslicky, Edward Kane, and Marlene Basiago were in attendance. Lacey Gonzalez, Solicitor Robert Frycklund, and Mayor Jeffery Szczecina were absent.

Floor – No one was present

New Business –

1. The 2026 budget was presented to Council for adoption with a three (3) mill increase. Councilman Kruslicky said that he is not against it, but he is also not happy about a three mill increase. Vice President Weber added that he agrees with Alan, but their hands are tied. There have been a lot of increases in other areas. Councilman Kruslicky mentioned that they as a borough could not plan for this. It is not like they can put away money for a rainy day. As a borough it would be best to put a small mill increase each year so that they do not get hit with a significant increase again down the road. There is no easy decision. They have been short one police officer for how many months, as a borough do they look at what a cost savings would be to eliminate that position. Not that he recommends doing it, but these are the things they have to start looking at during budget time. This way they can justify as to why the position is needed. Kira Steber mentioned that a mill and a half of the increase is just from the increase in insurance. A mill and a half is around \$66,000. Councilman Kruslicky added that unfortunately everything has gone up. The garbage has doubled; the cost of insurance has jumped and there is nothing Council could have done to prevent any of it. Grant funding is not out there either so they cannot rely on that. **Motion was made by Marlene Basiago and seconded by Joseph Weber to adopt the 2026 budget with a three (3) mill increase with income/expenses of \$1,657,119.** Motion was opened for comment; none made. Karen Ruzicka opposed to adopting the budget. President Wargo asked for a roll call vote.

President Wargo	Yes
Vice President Weber	Yes
Karen Ruzicka	No
Alan Kruslicky	Yes
Edward Kane	Yes
Marlene Basiago	Yes

Motion carried to adopt the 2026 budget with a three (3) mill increase by a 5-1 vote.

2. President Wargo said they have expiring terms and letters of interest need to be submitted to the borough office by 4:00 p.m. on January 2, 2026.
 - a. One seat on the Planning Commission
 - b. One seat on the Zoning Hearing Board
 - c. One seat on the CLSH Sewer Authority
 - d. One seat on the Summit Hill Water Authority
 - e. Three seats on the Appeals Board

- f. One seat on the Civil Service Commission
- g. Three seats on the Recreation Commission

President Wargo thanked Council for a good year, said he was appreciative for how they worked together throughout the year and that they did a great job on meeting the goals that they set. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion was made by Karen Ruzicka and seconded by Alan Kruslicky to adjourn at 8:14 a.m. until the reorganization meeting of the Summit Hill Borough on January 5, 2026. Motion was opened for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

David Wargo
Council President

Kira Steber
Secretary/Treasurer