

City of Titusville Pennsylvania

BIRTHPLACE OF THE OIL INDUSTRY



2020 BUDGET MESSAGE

October 15, 2019

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



Since *revenues*, not expenses, are the *real drivers* of the budget, focusing on understanding where the money is coming from is extremely *critical* to the budget process. Starting off with a clear understanding of how much revenue is available to spend for the upcoming budget year helps us set realistic expectations.

We believe the attached 2020 Proposed Budget we have put together uses reasonable revenue assumptions and is realistic, proactive, transparent, and solid.

The 2020 balanced budget invests conservatively in limited areas of the city, without an increase in taxes or city service fees.

TAB HIGHLIGHTS

⇒ TAB 3

Eleven parcels have been added to the tax rolls since 2018. This equates to an additional \$14,500 in tax revenue. Although this number may not seem significant, this is the *first* time in years that *taxable* property values *increased* while *exempt* status properties *decreased*. That being said, 51% of the City's total assessment is

exempt leaving the other 49% to foot the bill for 100% of services.

The Debt Statement as of 10/3/2019 illustrates *the only existing debt* for the City, a 2003 PennVest—Phase II 1% storm water loan. This loan is budgeted to be paid off by mid 2020. Paying the loan off 12 years early will save the City over \$134,000 in interest and allow the Sewer Fund to re-build a reserve to be able to fund the next large project without the need for borrowing.



⇒ TAB 4

Health insurance *premiums* include a *decrease* of 4.7% saving nearly \$30,000 across the general, water, and sewer funds.

Contracted employee salary and fringe benefit increases include: Fire 2%, Police 3%, and Public Works 2.5%.

⇒ TABS 5-10

Highlight the City's seven funds detailing past and anticipated staffing, projects, and 2018-2020 budget analysis.

With the *continued support* and leadership of City Council, we intend to keep the *momentum* we started eight years ago. This administration will continue to strive toward complete transparency. If you have a question please ask for the facts directly from City Hall so we may assure you are receiving correct information. It is our intent to keep the City of Titusville well-managed, while maintaining *confidence and satisfaction* with our residents.

We *appreciate* the continued *pride and effort* of all city employees and what they do on a daily basis to *help make* this community a great place to live and visit.

In accordance with Third Class City Code, Optional Charter Law, the proposed budget for all funds showing the *estimated* receipts and *expenditures* of every kind, and all other information of value as a basis for *fixing the levy and tax rate* for the next fiscal year is presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mission Statement

"To deliver the highest level of service to residents efficiently, effectively, and as professionally as possible while maintaining affordability."