

# 2020 budget approved

The Bethlehem Gadfly Budget, Serious Issues December 18, 2019

 11th in a series of posts on the 2020 Budget 

City Council adopted the 2020 budget. Gadfly found the budget hearings interesting as always but “un-remarkable” in regard to blog-worthy doin’s, so he didn’t post too much about them.

The handy article in the *Morning Call* this morning provides an overview of the new budget highlights.

Tax bills won’t go up (yay!) but note bullets #2 and #3 below from the article for increased fees (boo!) for homeowners.

[Nicole Radzievich, “What Bethlehem taxpayers can expect from next year’s budget.” Morning Call, December 17, 2019.](#)

- Real estate taxes will stay the same
- Sewer bills will be going up
- Expect a new stormwater fee mid-year
- The new Memorial Pool will open, but it will cost more to swim there
- Rentals will be inspected once every three years
- The city will complete a Climate Action Plan
- And encourage all residents are counted

*Gadfly expects to spend the day watching impeachment coverage — can you?*