

April 5, 2023  
Regular City Council Meeting

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Councilmember Bradberry  
**SUBJECT:** Cooperative Relations Committee Report

## **Cooperative Relations Committee Meeting March 23**

This meeting was mainly focused on the sales tax cap and sales tax in general. The Borough shared their stance on the increase and City Manager Walsh shared the views from the finance side of the Bity. We also discussed, if we increase this could we decrease taxes on other commodities. This topic would garner a more robust conversation. The City representatives asked the Borough representatives to postpone the final vote until the Council had the chance to have the first reading of the same ordinance. They agreed, and at their meeting on April 3rd, they did postpone till May 15th for more conversations.

We did all agree to continue to talk about a more uniformed sales tax and exemptions to stay in line with each other.

Lastly, we did discuss the Local business license that the Fire Department had asked us to bring to the Borough. What was decided was that staff from both Borough and City were going to talk as the Borough says they already have this information collected and can relay that information to the City. The focus was mainly on short-term related business licenses. I was very happy to hear that we didn't need to create another step for business owners and still achieve the fire safety needs of those businesses. I look forward to hearing how this works once the City and Borough have a chance to discuss this further.

Before the meeting ended, we discussed future topics. The next two topics are the Uniformity of tax rates and exemptions and coordinating Borough and City grant process. Members asked to have one topic per meeting, and to have more meetings to ensure things get discussed.

Last item to mention, is Borough Assembly Member Palmer asked about including the City of Saxman in this meeting.