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BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, JANUARY 24, 2015 AT 9:06 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL.

Mayor Dempsey's statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 18, 2014 and January 5, 2015.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Lee, Sinneck, Donovan, Mangan, Olivera and McCarthy

Absent: None

Also present was Municipal Administrator/CMFO Joseph DeIorio.

Tax Assessor

Mr. DeIorio went over the paperwork that was handed out. He stated that Robyn Palughi, Tax Assessor is present to go over the tax revaluation for the Borough.

Ms. Palughi went over some of the conditions that would be in the contract.

Mr. DeIorio went over the process of the proposal and the time line of the inspections.

There was discussion on the proposal, process, and timeline of getting the revaluation done.

Ms. Palughi stated that she would not feel comfortable with the company doing the data entry but is fine with them doing the revaluation information.

Council Member Mangan made a motion authorizing the request for proposals to be memorialized at the next scheduled meeting, seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

Water/Sewer

Tom Nicastro was present for this budget discussion.

Mr. DeIorio stated that overall the other expense portion of the budget has an \$18,000 decrease.

There was discussion on line item 506 Electric Power, 507 Repair Equipment/Supplies, 508 Supplies, Tools & Equipment, 513 Engineering, 518 Gas & Oil, 520 Computer Maintenance Contracts, 522 Group Insurance, 527 Sludge Removal, and 535 Accumulated Leave.

There was discussion on surplus and how much has been used in the past and what is anticipated for this year.

Mr. DeIorio went over the water/sewer capital improvements that are listed for this budget cycle.

Mr. Nicastro went over the valve replacement and fire hydrant program.

Streets & Roads

Mr. DeIorio stated that there is no difference between last year's budget and this year's budget.

There was discussion on line item 119 Traffic signs, 125 Road Material with regards to cold patch and hot patch.

Mr. Nicastro suggested raising the hot patch by \$5,000.

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There was discussion on the purchase of a hot box and how much will be saved with the cold patch.

Mr. DeIorio stated that he will follow up with the timing of the purchase of the hot patch as well as getting more information on the hot box.

Parks & Property

Mr. DeIorio stated that there is no additional dollars requested over last year budget amount.

There was discussion on line item 026 Equipment Repairs Landscaping Equipment, and 038 Supplies, Tools & Equipment Weed Control.

Waterways

There was discussion on line item 99 Misc/Maintenance and Repair of electrical service and stone at Mallard Park Docks.

Vehicle Repair & Maintenance

Mr. DeIorio went over this budget which covers current and water/sewer budget and this is captured in this one document.

Mr. Nicastro requested that truck 7 and truck 8 be replaced under capital improvements. He went over what vehicles were replaced last year and repairs to the current fleet.

Capital Plan Discussion

Mr. DeIorio went over the list of capital improvements which is a running list from the previous year with projects crossed out that have been started or completed. He stated by having these capital improvements in the budget does not authorize the Borough to do anything, but if the council moves forward with the items the Borough will not incur additional costs to amend the capital budget.

Council Member Mangan stated that it provides the funding mechanism for down payment.

There was discussion on the capital projects.

There was discussion on the paving of the basketball courts to be added to the capital projects.

Beach Department Budget

Mr. DeIorio went over the history of the revenue, the use of CDL money, surplus calculations, debt service and bond anticipation note process.

There was discussion on the surplus and the CDL program pay down. There was also discussion on the parking passes and badge prices being increased.

Mr. Wall went over the narrative for the line items that have requested increases.

Council Member Mangan asked that an inventory be taken of all the radio and batteries and get the useful life of them and come up with a dollar amount each year to keep the replacement cycle continuing every year.

There was discussion on how many days the beach will be open in 2015 and what should be the projected number of days for budget purposes to be followed in future budget processes. There was discussion on the amount of openings at the beach.

It was recommended that the budget be revised to reflect the days the beach might be open from 90 days to 86 or 87 days.

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There was discussion on a request for a bobcat and a new vehicle for the Beach Manager in the beach utility capital requests.

Mr. DeLorio stated that one other item that came up in committee to discuss for capital was the Second Avenue parking area.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council Member Olivera made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront inquired about the new bobcat and if this would eliminate the rental of the current bobcat.

Mr. Wall stated that it would.

Ms. Ryan asked if there is a beach budget number yet.

Council Member Mangan stated that there is no number yet and it will be determined at a later meeting.

Ms. Ryan asked what the beach badge and parking fee increases would be.

Council Member Mangan went over the rates.

Ms. Ryan wanted to know who picks up the garbage on the boardwalk during the winter and when.

Mr. Wall stated that the garbage is picked up by DeLisa on the boardwalk once a week.

Ms. Ryan inquired about going back to the pre-Sandy staffing and why.

Council Member Mangan stated that the Borough has seen a dramatic increase in daily badge purchases for the summer months and he believes the Borough should be prepared for that to increase. He advised that the decision today was to reduce the number of days and not reduce staffing.

Ms. Ryan inquired about the welcome signs that were put up last year and was asking if they were donated.

Mr. DeLorio stated that they would be donated if the council allowed the company to advertise on them.

Ms. Ryan asked what happens to the retired vehicles.

Mayor Dempsey stated that there is usually an auction for the vehicles.

Council Member Mangan made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Olivera. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Sinneck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m., seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk