

FEBRUARY 27, 2016

Budget Meeting of Mayor and Council was convened at 9:03 a.m. on February 20, 2016 in Council Chambers of Borough Hall with Mayor Donovan presiding.

Mayor Donovan read the statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that adequate notice has been provided by transmitting the Resolution of Annual Meetings to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star, by posting it in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and by posting it on the official website of the borough.

Mayor Donovan welcomed the audience and invited them to join in a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Lee, Walsh, McCarthy, Olivera, Read, and Mangan.

Absent: None

Council Member McCarthy arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Also present was Borough Administrator/CFO Joseph DeIorio.

Audience Participation – Agenda Items

Council Member Read made a motion to open the meeting to audience participation, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no public comment, Council Member Read made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Update

Council Member Mangan stated that the next budget meeting is scheduled for March 12 as the tax assessor will be there, there will be discussion on the general budget update and discuss on capital projects.

Mr. DeIorio advised that documents were distributed to council regarding the first aid and the library budget requests.

First Aid Budget Request

Tom Crawley, Sea Girt resident and President of the First Aid Squad presented the council with a request of a \$5,000 increase to their budget.

There was discussion on the request and the request to use interlocal agreement with Brielle for gas.

Council Member Mangan made a motion to recess until the Library representatives arrived, seconded by Council Member Read. Motion carried unanimously.

Library representative Renee Caullett arrived at (9:49 a.m.)

Library Budget Request

Mr. DeIorio went over the documents that were submitted to council for their review.

Renee Caullett, Library representative presented the library's request of a budget increase of \$20,000 and she went over the library budget.

There was discussion on the work hours, county book program, county library payments, capital improvements to the building and tree trimming.

Carol Menning, Spring Lake Heights, Library Board Member went over the county book program.

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Council Member Mangan inquired about fundraising and the capital improvements. He also inquired as to how much of the additional \$20,000 request would be for increase in hours of operation.

Ms. Caullett advised that most of the additional request would go for the increase in hours.

There was discussion on the days and hours that would be added to the schedule and how much it would cost and the fundraising amount on the documents that were submitted. There was also discussion on the maintenance of the property and would the Borough be allowed to help out with this.

Mr. DeIorio stated that the Borough cannot do work on private property but the Library could go in with the Borough on pricing.

There was discussion on the maintenance outside on the library property and the hours requested to extend hours of operation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Elaine Provost, 11 Wyckoff went over the maintenance fees and that the library does not have the money to do certain maintenance every year. She went over the carpet cleaning and the maintenance.

Ann Capelli, 378 East Main Street went over the recycling program at the library and the possible increase in recycling with the new county book program.

Resident, 25 Broad Street inquired about the library not getting the budgeting and what would the consequences be and if the hours will be cut or possibly be closed if the budget is not approved.

Council Member Mangan stated that he needs some clarification as he thought the additional money was going to increase and add services.

There was discussion on the budget and maintaining the library.

Council Member Mangan stated that even if the budget amount is kept the same the revenue has steadily gone up year over year and he advised that there has been no discussion on closing the library.

Council Member McCarthy stated that the increase in the budget request is to increase the hours of the library.


Renee Caullett clarified that the Library will function as is if the requested increase is not approved but it would be nice if they receive the increase to extend hours of the library.

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

Council Member McCarthy made a motion to waive committee reports for the budget meeting, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member McCarthy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m., seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

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