

FEBRUARY 23, 2013

BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 23, 2013 AT 9:00 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 4, 2012.

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

Absent: None

Also present was Borough Auditor Allen Shechter, and Municipal Administrator Joseph DeIorio.

BUDGET UPDATE

Council Member Mangan went over the budget schedule and advised when the different budgets will be presented. He stated that the Administration and Finance Committee has reviewed the budgets that are on the agenda for today but this is the time for the full council to ask any questions that they may have for the different departments.

Borough Administrator DeIorio advised that the council should ask any questions regarding the different budgets and that these are not the final numbers for the budget. He went over the process of the budget for the council and the community disaster loan which will play a role in the process.

CODE DEPT:

Patrick Callahan and Joe DeIorio presented this budget to council.

There was discussion on the Edmunds program and a new program that the construction department is looking into getting to save time with certificate of occupancies and the input of information.

UCC – Mr. DeIorio went over the budget for uniformed construction code.

Mr. DeIorio stated that he will revise some of the numbers and get the updated information to the council.

Council member Sinneck went over changes that will be taking place in the code/construction department by employing an additional technical assistant to the code official to help out with the inputting of documents into the state program.

Mr. DeIorio went over a grant program that will allow the borough to hire employees for storm related work, which the county will reimburse the borough.

COURT BUDGET:

Mr. DeIorio went over the municipal court budget, which has an increase of \$6,591.80. He advised that this budget is administered differently then the other budgets. He stated that these costs are shared with Brielle and he went over group insurance.

There was discussion on health insurance, debt service and pensions and the costs associated with them.

CLERK BUDGET:

Mr. DeIorio advised that the overall increase is \$5,080 as a result of some of the initiatives prior to the storm and during.

Municipal Clerk Ilaria went over the increase and discussed codification and a fee ordinance which the council is seeking information on and has received a quote of \$4,200. She also went over the annual codification fee and how the money is paid out.

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There was discussion on the fee ordinance and the reason for doing such an ordinance and the fee associated with it.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

Mr. Delorio went over the budget and advised the operating expense is down \$12,797 as a result of taking initiatives last year that will not re-occur this year.

Municipal Clerk Ilaria advised that this budget is shared with DPW and she went over the expenses that were in the budget last year and will not be in the budget again this year.

FINANCE:

General Administration Budget – Mr. Delorio went over this budget and advised that this budget is increased by \$765. He advised that in the miscellaneous account there is a NJEIT loan fee for the Sea Watch Project which the state charges a fee to the Borough.

TAX COLLECTION:

Mr. Delorio went over this budget and advised that this budget is down by \$13.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Delorio went over this budget and advised that there is a decrease of \$1,027.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Mike Shelton, resident and board of education member inquired about the ratable base.

Mr. Delorio stated that he will find out the ratable base for Mr. Shelton and notify him.

Ed Hyer, inquired about Sea Watch parking and lockers.

He was advised that the lease for the Sea Watch parking and lockers is still in the talking stage but the parking lot and the lockers will be open whether it is the Borough or Mr. Mueller who has leased it out in the past.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

B. Ilaria

Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

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