MARCH 2, 2013

BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MARCH 2, 2013 AT 9:04 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, Mangan, Olivera and McCarthy

Absent: Council Member Donovan

Also present was Municipal Administrator Joseph DeIorio.

Mr. DeIorio went over the schedule for the budget discussion for today's meeting.

Council Member Mangan went over what has been discussed during committee meetings.

Police Department Budget

Chief Elliott Correia went over the police department budget.

Mr. DeIorio stated there is no increase to salary in the documents as a result of contractual obligations and that the contract negotiation is ongoing. He went over the different steps in the police department and the need to replace a retired employee with a part time.

Council Member Mangan inquired about a part time dispatch and what the difference and impact would be compared to part-time over overtime.

Chief Correia went over the dispatchers and how they are organized and the need for a part-time dispatcher, especially starting Memorial Day weekend.

There was discussion on money involved to hire a full time, part time, and overtime in the police department.

There was discussion on the supervisor pay in the police department.

Chief Correia went over the special officers and their salaries and steps.

There was discussion on the part time clerk position salary for the police department.

Chief Correia stated that he is requesting that the new part-time hire be designated as records support technician 1.

Council Member Mangan stated that operating expense is down by 56% do to capital expenses.

Mr. DeIorio went over this decrease and the capital improvements.

Chief Correia went over the police vehicles and when they should be expected to be replaced over the next few years and he also went over the budgeting for a new vehicle to equip the vehicle, which was not done last year.

There was discussion on the police department vehicles and repairs.

Chief Correia went over ammunition and the reason for an increase in the budget. He also went over the capital improvements that he has requested in the budget. He also went over purchasing new guns and radar certification and radar equipment.

There was discussion on the line item for cameras and equipment.

Chief Correia stated that this line item can be lowered to the 2012 amount.

Mr. DeIorio stated that there were some expenditures that stopped due to the storm and that a lot of the budget reflects storm related issues. He stated that the overall line item is down even more than presented to the council then last year.

Mr. DeIorio went over some other points regarding the budget as far as shared services are concerned.

Public Works Department

Superintendent Tom Nicastro present this budget.

Waterways – Mr. DeIorio stated that there was damage to the 4th avenue dock and it was repaired which wiped out the entire waterways budget.

Mr. Nicastro stated that the other costs were taken from parks and playgrounds due to this repair.

Mr. DeIorio stated that there is a $200 increase overall. He stated that there is a need for repair for the cat walk of $7500 which will be charged to the Sandy Storm Ordinance and has been put into FEMA for reimbursement.

There was discussion on the docks and where the money needs to come from to repair the docks in the future.

Parks and Playgrounds – Mr. DeIorio went over the budget and explained why certain things were charged to this budget last year. He went over the certain aspects of the budget.

There was discussion on the tennis courts that need to be resurfaced. It was suggested that this be put into the capital budget.

It was suggested that the tennis courts be looked into with the BOE.

Mr. Nicastro stated at Mac's Pond there is an issue with the geese and how it is being taken care of and why money needs to be in this budget. He also went over the picnic table replacement program which started last year. He stated that he is looking to replace 2 tables each year. He advised the council of some equipment that he would like to replace.

There was discussion on the garden club claim for loss of equipment and plants from the storm.

Streets and Roads Budget – Mr. DeIorio stated that this budget is the same as last year. He stated that there was a $9,000 decrease because this amount was used to cover storm related purchases at the end of the year.

Mr. Nicastro went over the painting program of the streets that has been working and he would like to continue with the program.

Mr. DeIorio went over the identifying of the streets that are in need of repair. He stated this will be discussed in the capital budget not this budget. He also went over the vehicles that the Streets and Roads Department is requesting and the Sandy Ordinance.

Mr. Nicastro went over the list of repairs that the Street and roads department has had over the year.

There was discussion on repairs, prices and price of new equipment.

Water/Sewer Budget

Mr. DeIorio stated that the water/sewer budget will be presented at a later date as the storm has affected this budget. He stated that he is meting with FEMA regarding the Community Disaster Loan (CDL) program. He stated that the amount that the town gets will affect the budget.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront thanked the town for responding to the residents and trying to get all questions answered. She stated that she is in favor of keeping local dispatch.

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

Council Member Mangan made a motion to suspend the budget meeting, seconded by Council member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.

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Council Member McCarthy made a motion to re-open the meeting, seconded by Council Member Bossone. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Mangan made a motion to close the work session meeting at 11:32 a.m., seconded by Council Member McCarthy. Motion carried unanimously.