

**BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

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6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. read the following statement led the flag salute.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS ON FEBRUARY 6, 2015, SENT TO THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL

**Roll Call:**

**Committee Present:** Anthony Gabris, Barbara Rheault, Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva, Mayor Brown

**Municipal Clerk:** Kimberly Johnson

**CFO:** Dawn Stollenwerk

**Police Department:** Chief John Thompson

**Public Works:** Steve Sperlak

**Public Discussion:** None.

**Budget Discussion:** Mayor reported based upon the recommendations at the last meeting the CFO has prepared a new budget summary, which has brought the increase from 12 cents down to 3 cents. Mr. Silva did not agree with lowering salaries and wages in the Police Department by \$25,000.00. Chief Thompson urged Committee to maintain the salaries and wages line item, to be able to fill the Sergeant position. Chief stated supervision is needed on the shifts and the Sergeant position is necessary. CFO reported this revised budget includes an increase to the reserve for uncollected taxes to 95%. Mr. Silva asked what the increase would be if the \$25,000 was maintained. Mayor stated increase would be 4 cents. Chief Thompson urged Committee to maintain the already lean status of the Police Department adding unfortunately Public Safety comes with a cost. A discussion ensued regarding the Police Department, staffing requirement, court security and purchase of license plate readers. CFO expressed her concern with the loss of state aid which has been decreasing every year. Committee further discussed other aspects of the budget, health costs, transfer station, tipping fees, etc. CFO requested direction from the Governing Body. Committee agreed to discuss the budget at the next regular meeting.

**Public Discussion:** None.

Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Ms. Rheault seconded by Mr. Gabris. Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson,  
Municipal Clerk

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