

BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2016

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6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE, EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS, ON FEBRUARY 3, 2016 AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Edward Hagaman, Larry Riffle, Christopher Silva, John Walther, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Police Department: Chief John Thompson

Public Works: Steve Sperlak, Superintendent

Public Discussion: None.

Budget Discussion: Mayor stated it is difficult to address numbers due to contract negotiations. Mayor stated we cannot live with a five cent increase locally and reported he attended County and School Meetings requesting that they hold the line on taxes. CFO reported all contracts should be finalized soon, except for AFSCME which is going to arbitration. Chief Thompson stated he is anticipating two openings and would like to fill one as quickly as possible, noting he has already interviewed and his first candidate is graduating shortly and there is no cost to train. Mr. Sperlak requested to fill the Heavy Equipment Operator vacancy. Mr. Sperlak reported including himself his staff includes four full time employees and two part-time.

Ms. Stollenwerk stated \$29,000 equals a penny, so to cut this budget we need to add it to revenue or take that amount away. Mayor stated we are doing much better than most municipalities adding he hoped after contact negotiations we could decrease the increase to three cents.

Public Discussion: None.

Mayor Brown so moved to adjourn seconded by Mr. Silva. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson
Municipal Clerk

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