

BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 14, 2012

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6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. read the following statement led the flag salute.

IN COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 231 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1975, NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY WAY OF ANNUAL NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS, THE EGG HARBOR AND HAMMONTON NEWS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2012 AND POSTED AT TOWNHALL.

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Anthony Gabris, Edward Hagaman, Susan Polk, Larry Riffle, Mayor Brown

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Police Department: Chief John Thompson, Captain Brian Zeck

Recreation Association: Terence Watson

Budget Presentation: CFO submitted a revised budget indicating a two cent tax increase equaling 1.82 % and leave our fund balance at \$467,000. Ms. Stollenwerk reported this revised budget includes foreclosure, additional police car lease, 2% increase for Construction Official and Zoning Officer which totals \$1,236.00, Municipal Court other expenses is back to prior year's budget, decreased police overtime by \$10,000 and decreased engineering and public works department. CFO reported she supplied Committee as requested with the Uniform Construction Fees collected in 2011, which was \$65,000. Mr. Gabris stated he supported the 2% increase for the Construction Official and Zoning Officer and a brief discussion was held regarding the increases. Mr. Gabris, Ms. Polk and Mr. Hagaman supported increases.

CFO reported she created the line item for the Recreation Director in this budget with a \$1,000 stipend. Ms. Polk and Mr. Hagaman reported on the meeting they attended with the Recreation Association, noting the Association has the same concerns as the Governing Body regarding enforcement of field usage and lights. It was reported the Association will forward agendas and minutes to the Clerk and will submit financials as required. CFO, Clerk and Chief Thompson explained the application process for field usage. Committee discussed installing a key pad for the lights. Issues concerning the concession stand and maintenance of fields were also discussed. Mayor suggested moving forward with the Recreation Director position.

Mayor reported the Court is requesting seven additional court sessions, therefore, the Judge is requesting \$300.00 additional session and the Prosecutor is requesting \$250.00. Mayor stated this is due to the many DUI trials and court volume. Chief Thompson added our new Judge is very thorough which is creating longer sessions. Committee discussed the salaries of these professionals, it was agreed to allocate funding for additional sessions if warranted. Chief Thompson reported he has five cars that are above 100,000 miles and two that are at 120,000 miles. Chief stated he is requesting two vehicles at this time to keep maintenance costs level.

Mayor stated he was not in favor of a two cent increase, noting the school will have a 2 cent increase and the County will likely have a 1 cent increase. Mr. Gabris suggested reviewing the animal control contracts, suggested issuing permits for trailers which are being utilized as sheds and leasing township property. CFO stated the majority of our costs are driven by employee costs. Mayor suggested holding another budget meeting to try and reduce the budget further. Mr. Riffle made a motion to hold a Budget Meeting on Tuesday,

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February 28, 2012 at 6 pm seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

Public Discussion: Mr. Michael St. Amour asked what the actual police overtime was from last year, the change in rateable base, and total amount of employee salary increases. CFO answered overtime was approximately \$95,000, the rateables are up \$563,000 and salary increases was \$51,000. Mr. St. Amour suggested scheduling a longer court day instead of additional sessions. Chief Thompson stated the Court Administrator is limited to the amount of people she can schedule based upon the occupancy of the room.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson, RMC