

**BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 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 22, 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 one cent tax increase and adding it is under levy by \$200,000. Ms. Stollenwerk reported this revised budget includes Safe & Secure Grant Funding, and \$7,000 for maintenance of recreation fields to include seeding and fertilizing. Mayor stated the Recreation Association is not in favor of a Recreation Director, they are pursuing other options for the concession stand, and are moving forward with better communication between association and municipality. Mr. Watson responded stating they have improved communications with the municipality and felt a salaried position amongst volunteers is not warranted. Committee thanked Ms. Stollenwerk for her hard work on the budget.

CFO stated there are three other financial issues to be addressed: Foreclosures, there are approximately 100 tax title liens outstanding, which are owned by one investor in the municipality. CFO reported the quotation from our current Solicitor is significantly higher than what we have paid for in the past and stated the Clerk and Tax Collector have offered to meet with the investor to review the possibility of acceptance in lieu of foreclosures, which would be a cost savings to the municipality. CFO stated the Township's Community Development Block Grant Funding allocation will be \$22,500.00, and the County is allocating monies for fire equipment for the upcoming program and requested Committee's consent to move forward with that, as long as we can prove the Fire Company benefits low and moderate income families. Mayor suggested addressing the problem regarding the repeaters with this funding. Chief Thompson stated those issues were addressed today and it was recommended that the antenna we are utilizing located at the State Police tower be replaced and moved higher which would cost approximately \$4,000.000. CFO stated that can be addressed in our Capital Budget, which is the last item to be discussed, however she suggested we plan for Capital Budget when our new Superintendent of Public Works comes on board. Mayor entertained a motion to introduce the 2012 Budget at our March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; so moved by Ms. Polk seconded by Mr. Hagaman. RCV: Yeas: Mr. Gabris, Mr. Hagaman, Ms. Polk, Mr. Riffle, Mayor Brown.

**Public Discussion:** None.

Mayor closed public portion and entertained a motion to adjourn; so moved by Mr. Hagaman seconded by Ms. Polk. RCV: Yeas: All voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberly Johnson, Municipal Clerk