

BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2018

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Mayor Silva called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. read the following statement led the flag salute.

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS GIVEN BY NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE ATLANTIC CITY PRESS ON FEBRUARY 17, 2018, SENT TO THE HAMMONTON GAZETTE, AND POSTED AT TOWN HALL

Roll Call:

Committee Present: Jim Brown, Barbara Rheault, Christopher Silva

Committee Absent: Larry Riffle, John Walther

Municipal Clerk: Kimberly Johnson

CFO: Dawn Stollenwerk

Public Discussion: None.

New Business:

Budget Discussion: Mr. Brown asked if the salaries and wages for Public Works included the Superintendent and additional part-time employee. CFO stated it did. Mr. Brown asked if the overtime budget for the police department was \$85,000.00. CFO stated yes that is what has been budgeted. Mr. Brown expressed his concern that the \$85,000.00 is not a true number. Committee discussed at length the overtime budget for the Police Department and requested Chief Thompson supply a true number. Mr. Brown questioned the amount budgeted for vehicle maintenance. CFO reported that is for all township vehicles. Mayor Silva requested Ms. Rheault submit a financial analysis for the addition of Class II Officers. Mayor stated the addition of Class II Officers provides addition resources for public safety and will also generate additional revenue. CFO and Municipal Clerk indicated Captain Zeck submitted a report last year to the Governing Body. Committee continued to discuss Class II Officers. Mayor Silva stated we need to think of innovative ways to generate revenue and reduce costs. Discussions also ensued regarding accumulated balances and Mayor requested the total amount without vacation days. Mayor questioned polices and contracts and the utilization of sick days prior to retirement. CFO reported we have removed terminal leave from all contracts and policies. CFO stated this proposed budget is a 2.84 cent increase. Committee discussed state aid, increasing overtime for the police department and holding Department Heads responsible for their submitted budgets. Ms. Rheault asked if there is a minimum staffing requirement for the Police Department. Mayor Silva stated staffing is determined by polices invoked by the Chief.

Mayor Silva asked how much of the \$134,000 in the reserve needs to be utilized in 2018 budget. CFO stated a good portion of it which will be used for projects not completed in Public Works due to the personnel matter. Mayor Silva asked the impact on vehicle maintenance since we changed vendors. CFO stated it is down, noting the Chief completed an analysis on police vehicles depicting that. Mayor Silva expressed his concern over legal expenses. Clerk to relay topics of concern to Chief Thompson.

Public Discussion: None.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Johnson,
Municipal Clerk