

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

March 7, 2024

The second 2024 Budget Workshop Meeting was called to order by Mayor Larson at 2:00pm at Borough Hall, 10 East 7th Street, Barnegat Light, NJ 08006. He stated that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. He said that notice of this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall and was published in the Asbury Park Press on February 26, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Spark, Wellington was absent, Gutowski, Reynolds, Mikuletzky

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Municipal Clerk stated that this meeting is being recorded and a written copy would be available in the Clerk's Office.

UTILITY OPERATING

- Budget completely done
- Using \$395,702.06 of Fund Balance which is the first time in a couple years NOT all of our surplus
- Using \$2,733.94 of utility fund balance
- Budget overall increased by \$136,211
- Debt service interest in utility is \$10,500-paid off some stuff
- Total debt service in Utility is \$1,862,000
 1. Authorized but not issued \$400,000 (8th Street DOT)
 2. BAN \$1,462,000
- Rates will remain the same for 2024
- Ordinance will be introduced-water main replacement on West 21st & West 29th Streets
 1. Paid from Capital Improvement Fund-no borrowing
- Nothing needed for the water/sewer department this year-healthy surplus
- Will need Lead service plan to upload to state with budget which will be introduced on April 10th

BEACHES AND PARKS

- No new equipment needed for the guards except for the new side by side which was previously budgeted, funded and ordered.
- Recreation grant was applied for and will be used for dance floor at the pavilion
- All island towns, with the exception of Surf City, are starting guards @\$16.25/hour our schedule increase is \$.50 each year thereafter.

DOCKS AND HARBORS

- No changes needed to budget
- Waiting for second reading on the fees for dock and kayaks
- Unsure of hourly/seasonal changes being made-needs to be resolved this year

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Panic buttons for the judge
- Police contract increased 3% to \$786,292.64
- New chief-some things may change

PUBLIC WORKS

- No changes needed to budget
- Need new John Deere lawnmower
- Tire changer-must be new

CAPITAL PROJECTS ANTICIPATED FOR 2024

- Renovate exterior of Old Borough Hall/Restroom for public \$100,000
- Catwalks/finger piers \$15,000-inside of budget
- Lawnmower \$20,000-inside of budget

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Mayor Larson asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Spark Second: Gutowski All in Favor X

APPROVED:

KIRK O. LARSON, MAYOR

BRENDA L. KUHN, MUNICIPAL CLERK