

MARCH 11, 2023

**BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MARCH 11, 2023 AT 9:01 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL AND REMOTELY.**

Mayor Donovan read the statement re: Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that adequate notice has been provided by transmitting the Resolution of Annual Meetings to the Asbury Park Press and the Coast Star, by posting it in the Borough Hall on a bulletin board reserved for such announcements, and by posting it on the official website of the borough.

Mayor Donovan welcomed the audience and invited them to join in a moment of silent prayer and a salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Council Members Bruce Bresnahan, Brian Holly, Jeffrey Lee, Michael Mangan, Gregg Olivera, and Lori Triggiano.

Absent: None

Also present was CFO Amy Spera and Borough Administrator Thomas Flarity.

**WATER/SEWER BUDGET**

Council Member Olivera went over the budget process and thanked everyone involved with the budget for all their efforts to get the budget together.

Amy Spera went over the budget which was presented on the large screen. She went over the Water/Sewer budget which included discussion on South Monmouth Sewerage Authority fees, salaries and unemployment/pensions as well as other items relating to the water/sewer budget.

**BEACH UTILITY BUDGET**

Ms. Spera presented the beach budget on the large screen. She went over the use of surplus, anticipated revenue, expenditures, and changes to the minimum wage for seasonal employees. She also went over the playground replacement and the rental fees for the parking lots from the Borough. She went over the capital improvements scheduled for 2023 in the beach area.

Council Member Olivera went over the surplus and how the Borough uses the surplus.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Council Member Bresnahan made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Council Member Mangan. Motion carried unanimously.

Lia Trench, 444 East Main Street stated that she is here on behalf of the Squan Beach Life Saving Preservation Committee and requested that the Borough budget for the replacement of the bay doors with the SBLSPC paying for one half of the cost.

Art Ryan, 113 Beachfront inquired about beach surplus and if the Sea Watch Project would be paid completely by the beach budget.

Ms. Spera stated that if the Borough has to pay for Sea Watch the payments would most likely be spread out through use of surplus over several years.

Council Member Olivera made a motion to close the public portion, seconded by Council Member Triggiano. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Triggiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m., seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

*B. Ilaria*

Barbara Ilaria  
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 4-3-2023