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BUDGET MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL, MARCH 16, 2024 AT 9:02 A.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF BOROUGH HALL

Mayor Michael W. Mangan 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 Mangan 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, Jay Bryant, Brian Holly, Gregg Olivera, Lori Tiggiano, and Sheila Vidreiro.

Absent: None

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

WATER/SEWER BUDGET

Councilman Bryant thanked CFO Amy Spera for putting this presentation together which reflects a responsible sustainable planning for the borough and the goal of this budget is to maintain and build upon the services from the community and assets. He also thanked all the department heads for their part in the budget.

Amy Spera went over the budget which was presented on the large screen. She advised that this year's current water sewer budget is coming in at \$3,525,773.86 and the increase to the budget this year is a little over \$80,000 or 2.3%. 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. She also went over the capital improvements for the water sewer department which included redoing the water tank with estimates coming in around \$2 million of that the borough obtained a little over \$600,000 of American Rescue Plan Act money to put towards that project. She went over additional capital budget items such as emergency generator fuel tank, lift station control upgrades for Brielle Road, well rehabs, utility truck, SCADA improvements, East Virginia lift station grinder, and annual budgeting of main and valve replacements. She went over the revenues for the water sewer budget which includes water sewer rents, and she went over the surplus balance.

Mayor Mangan went over the SMRSA fees and the possibility of splitting the water and sewer fees to get close to the sewer fees that SMRSA charges.

BEACH UTILITY BUDGET

Ms. Spera presented the beach budget on the large screen. She went over the use of surplus, anticipated revenue, expenditures, and minimum wage for seasonal employees. She also went over the debt for the beach and advised that it is down this year. She went over the capital projects scheduled for 2024 in the beach area.

There was discussion on the lifeguard salaries and the request for vehicles at the beach.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Councilman Bryant made a motion to open the meeting up to the public, seconded by Councilman Bresnahan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Ryan, 113 Beachfront voiced her concern about the number of vehicles the beach has running back and forth on the beachfront. She also inquired about the tire swing replacement.

There was a discussion on Olivia's playground and the tire swing replacement.

Councilman Bresnahan stated that the tire swing will be replaced.

Ms. Ryan inquired about the possibility of getting inclusive swings at the beach.

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Mayor Mangan stated that the inclusive swings are included in the capital budget.

Ms. Ryan stated that the MBIA would like to donate one of the inclusive swings to be installed at the beach. She also inquired about the beach rake being out on the sand during a bad storm or expecting bad weather and if there is a schedule.

Mayor Mangan stated that this question needs to be answered by Carmen or Ethan and asked Mr. Flarity to follow up on the rake question.

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

Councilwoman Triggiano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 a.m., seconded by Councilman Bresnahan. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Ilaria
Municipal Clerk

DATE APPROVED 4/15/2024