

Special Budget Meeting; Tuesday, May 7, 2013; 6 P.M.

Present: (4) CW Fiduccia, CW Licata, CM Masopust, Mayor Schrieks.

Also Present: Municipal Manager, Borough Attorney, Borough Auditor.

Absent: (1) Deputy Mayor Cima.

Borough Clerk read the Notice of the Special Budget Meeting as follows:

"Special Budget Meeting Tuesday, May 7, 2013 was published in the Record on May 3, 2013 to introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget and any other matters that may come before the Mayor and Council with possible action."

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING NOTICE

"A Special Budget Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 in the Municipal Building located at One Memorial Drive, Lodi, New Jersey. The purpose of the Meeting is to introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget. Previous scheduled Special Executive Meeting will follow.

Mayor stated we are here tonight to introduce the 2013 Municipal Budget. Before we proceed to vote on the two resolutions, Mayor asked if anyone had any questions or any line item that needs to be discussed with the Borough Auditor or Manager.

Mayor turned the meeting over to Municipal Manager and Borough Auditor. Municipal Manager noted that we will be on a tight budget but one that we can live with. We had to make some tough decisions. We are now 14 employees less and shared services helped us a lot.

Items that were discussed:

1. Budget is within the CAP.
2. Police negotiation in regard to their contract is included in budget.
3. Savings with bond ratings.
4. Municipal cuts are included.
5. Purchasing procedures have been changed. Municipal manager will see purchase orders before items are purchased. Department Head will receive a bi-monthly statement to the total amount their department has spent.
6. Public Safety Comm. from the County maybe be getting the \$250,000 back. Budget will be amended if we do.

7. Budget also included summer camp which was cut down on the amount of staff workers and also one week less.
8. Debt services; \$532,000 reduced from last year.
9. Standard & Poor's Report discussed about things needed to be done such as written policies on certain items, estimation on the operating expenses for 5-8 years.
10. Money in this budget for one additional police officer.

After the budget items were discussed, the Borough Clerk read the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 13-63 authorizing the Borough Clerk to read 2013 Municipal Budget by title only.

MOTION: CM Masopust, second CW Licata to approve.

Ayes: (4) CW Fiduccia, CW Licata, CM Masopust, Mayor Schrieks.

Absent: (1) Deputy Mayor Cima.

Resolution No. 13-62 approving 2013 Calendar Year Municipal Budget.

MOTION: CW Fiduccia, second CM Masopust to approve the 2013 Calendar year Municipal Budget.

Ayes: (4) CW Fiduccia, CW Licata, CM Masopust, Mayor Schrieks.

Absent: (1) Deputy Mayor Cima.

Mayor called for a 5 minute recess before going into the scheduled special executive meeting.

MOTION: CM Masopust, second CW Licata to a 5 minute recess.

Ayes: (4) CW Fiduccia, CW Licata, CM Masopust, Mayor Schrieks.

Absent: (1) Deputy Mayor Cima.

Borough Clerk read the Notice of the Special Executive Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013. Notice of this meeting was made by the Borough Clerk by paid legal advertisement on October 16, 2012 in the Record Newspaper.

Items discussed:

1. Summer Camp Program.
2. Municipal Manager discussed some of the projects that will be scheduled for the summer including:
 - a. Filling cracks on the tennis courts.
 - b. Cleaning and renovating the outside lavatories in the park. Lavatories have not been renovated in 25 years.
 - c. Mulch in the playground areas.
 - d. Kennedy Park - power washing, power washing and proofing the bleachers.Municipal Manager stated there is money in this budget that we just introduced for these projects.
3. White Collar and Blue Collar Negotiations.
Contracts are up in 2014. Negotiations can start 90 days before contract is up.
Can start negotiations in October, 2012. (1.5%)
4. Part-time worker for Recreation Director. Certified Recreation worker comes in on weekends and nights on an as needed basis.
5. Shared Service Agreement with Saddle Brook to utilize our Municipal Court and the Borough of Lodi to utilize their plumbing and building inspector for 5 hours at no cost. The Township of Saddle Brook would bring their employees and their own security.

MOTION: CW Licata, second CW Fiduccia to close Special Executive Meeting.

Ayes: (4) CW Fiduccia, CW Licata, CM Masopust, Mayor Schrieks.

Absent: (1) Deputy Mayor Cima.

