

September 12, 2016

A Public meeting of the Township Council was held in the Municipal Building at 6:00 pm and was called to order at 6:00 pm.

Present

Councilwoman Andrea Zapcic  
Councilman Arthur Halloran  
Councilwoman Heather deJong  
Councilwoman Lisa Crate  
Councilman Jim Fozman  
Council President Paul Mummolo

Also Present

John G. Ducey, Mayor  
Kevin Starkey, Township Attorney  
Lynnette A. Iannarone, Township Clerk  
Joanne Bergin, Business Administrator

Absent

Council Vice President Marianna Pontoriero

Township Clerk Iannarone announced adequate notice of this meeting was provided and published in Asbury Park Press on September 5, 2016. Copies of the agenda were provided to the newspapers, posted on public bulletin boards and the township website ([www.bricktownship.net](http://www.bricktownship.net)).

This meeting began with the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

### **Municipal Budget Adoption**

Mayor Ducey explained that the Township had been waiting for the Essential Services Grant prior to adopting the budget. The Township had received this grant the past three years since Superstorm Sandy. He explained that essential services are police, DPW and other things that are essential for a township to run. Originally they heard that the federal government did not like the program and that the Township would not be receiving a grant this year. However, fortunately the State had secured other funding. Therefore, the Township is now able to introduce into the budget, a new grant called the Non-Federal Cost Share Match Program, in the amount of \$1,196,675.46. He stated that this will reduce the Township's taxes rather than raising taxes by 9.21 cent tax increase for 2016 due to Sandy. He spoke about the cuts they have made throughout the year and continuing on from last year which totaled over \$100,000.00 in legal fees, engineering, liability premiums, workers compensation premiums, animal control and bond principle and bond interest (through the Mayor's Debt Reduction Plan). He stated because of those cuts, they were able to reduce the property tax raise this year (9.21 cents down to 1.6 cents) and now with this grant money the new increase is going to be .9 cent. with no cuts in municipal services. He added that they will be hiring more building department employees and 4 new police officers as well to deal with quality of life issues.

Motion by Councilman Halloran and seconded by Councilman Fozman to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council members voted AYE on Roll Call.

### **Resolution Authorizing Reading of Budget by Short Title**

Councilwoman Zapcic presented the resolution amending the 2016 Municipal Budget and stated that the resolution has been advertised in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A on September 9, 2016 in the Asbury Park Press.

President Mummolo opened the public hearing on this resolution.

No public comment.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing on this resolution.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilwoman Crate to adopt the following Resolution:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

### **Authorize State Required Budget Amendment Resolution**

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Councilwoman Crate requested the resolution to be read in full.

Township Clerk Iannarone read the Resolution into the record in full.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilman Halloran to adopt the 2016 Municipal Budget:

All Council Members voted AYE on Roll Call.

### **Adoption of 2016 Municipal Budget as Amended**

President Mummolo opened the public hearing portion of the meeting.

George Scott, 16 Queen Ann Road, questioned how many new employees the Township has this year and if that is affecting the budget number and asked the difference in salary and wages of all township employees from last year to this year. He asked if the Township is realizing any money from attrition.

Joanne Bergin responded that she would have to check on the number of employees but the budgeted amount includes the increases that were contractually agreed to. Therefore the number includes the savings on the attrition and then if you back fill with a lower salary person, the number is then the difference.

John Sluka, 950 Sylvia Court, inquired on page 3 of the budget and what the rule is regarding the CAP. He asked about Green Acres and how much acreage is put away. He asked how much money the Township anticipates putting into legal fees to fight the turnpike with regards to putting up a wall at Evergreen Woods.

Joanne Bergin and Paul Mummolo explained the CAP law.

Mayor Ducey responded that the Township has 2,497 of preserved land which far exceeds surrounding towns. He added that these properties are locked up.

Joanne Bergin added that if they wanted to open it up they would have to go through a diversion process. She also explained that they have a legal budget and they do not portion it out that way. They have an amount for general scope of services that includes meeting attendance and as needed litigation.

George Scott, questioned on page 27 interest on notes. He stated in 2015 they only had \$96,000.00 in interest that the Township was paying out. In 2016 the Township is well over \$501,000.00, he asked why that is.

Chuck Fallon, replied that the Township passed ordinances and they float bond anticipation notes that they have to pay interest on. He added that bond anticipation notes give the lowest interest rate. So the longer they can do notes instead of permanent bonding, the Township is saving money that way.

President Mummolo closed the public hearing portion of the meeting.

Motion by Councilwoman deJong and seconded by Councilman Fozman to Adjourn the meeting at 6:29 pm.

All Council Members voted AYE.

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Paul Mummolo  
Council President

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Lynnette A. Iannarone  
Township Clerk