

APPROVED: April 20, 2015

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Budget Work Session #5

March 23, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on February 11, 2015.

ATTENDEES: ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Borek; Mendonez; Samonte; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Clerk: Young; Chief Financial Officer: Louth

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, inquired about how the 2014 budget appropriations compare to the 2015 appropriations. He requested this information be provided.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Municipal Budget Wrap-Up

President Maher reviewed each of the line items on the spreadsheet he created. He asked Council for a consensus on each item.

Council agreed to further reduce Council Training and Education, Construction Official's Operating Costs, Public Works Service/Maintenance Contracts, and Sewer System Technical/Specialized Supplies.

President Maher reviewed the reductions that Council recommended which add up to \$155,100 in savings. He noted that gas and diesel costs were reduced by \$40,000 and funding for the Twin W First Aid Squad was eliminated.

President Maher outlined the increases in potential revenues for Council consensus.

President Maher noted that surplus funding from the Parking Authority would not be received in 2015. He spoke about using 5.1% of the fund balance to reach a zero percent increase in taxes.

Discussion ensued over the additional costs for Emergency Services including salaries, overtime, taxes, and uniforms and how the revenues would offset the additional expenses.

Council agreed to add \$5,000 into the line item for Emergency Services Uniforms which changes the overall budget reduction to \$150,100.

President Maher addressed the COLA and Cap Bank ordinance, and suggested limiting the increase to 1.5% percent and not authorizing any additional increase of up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations.

Council agreed to limit the cap to 1.5% and also came to a consensus on all the items listed on the spreadsheet.

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, spoke about the decline in gas prices and suggested lowering the line item even further.

Capital Budget Wrap-Up

Council reviewed each Capital Budget Request and agreed to make changes to the following projects:

- Building renovations located at the West Windsor Arts Center
- New Fire and Emergency Service Facility
- Cranbury Road Improvements
- Public Safety Security Systems Upgrade Project
- Public Works Compactor Truck

Council agreed to eliminate Fire and Emergency Service generator for the Twin W First Aid Squad.

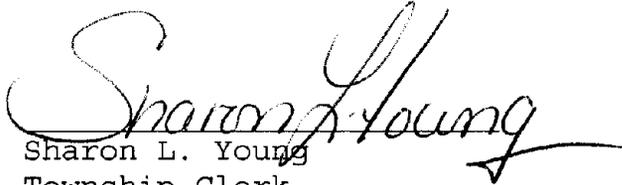
PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, noted that the fund balance for Mercer County was lower than West Windsor Township.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Borek
Second: Geever
VV: all approved

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.



Sharon L. Young
Township Clerk
West Windsor Township