

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

February 20, 2016

Budget Meeting

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting of the East Windsor Township Council was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 20, 2015.

VERIFICATION:

The Municipal Clerk certified that the meeting was noticed as a Budget Review meeting on February 16, 2016. Notice was sent to the Trenton Times, filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Township Municipal Building. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" have been satisfied.

ROLL CALL:

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Council Members Denise Daniels, Marc Lippman, Perry Shapiro, Peter Yeager and John Zoller. Council Member Alan Rosenberg was absent. Also present were Township Manager James P. Brady, CFO Laurie Finger, and Municipal Clerk Gretchen McCarthy.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No members of the public spoke.

Mayor Mironov and the Township Council reviewed departmental budgets

Police Department:

Police Chief Harry Marshall and Ruth Young were present to discuss the department budget. Specific subjects discussed included Body Armor, Animal Control costs as related to Interlocal Agreements, motor vehicles, maintenance contracts and the Communication Center, Emergency Management and the Daytime E.M.S.

Recreation Department

Recreation Director Elizabeth Cellini was present to discuss the department budget. Discussed matters were improvements to programs and services to be offered to a wide age range, including adults and teens as well as additions to summer camp services offered. Council Member Lippman inquired about the calculation of fees charged. Mayor Mironov stated that the programs are designed to be self-sustaining and user supported, minimizing or eliminating taxpayer impact. The senior center budget was also discussed.

Code Enforcement

Construction Official Roman Petruniak was present to discuss the department budget. Discussed matters were how busy a year the department has experienced in 2015 thanks to a number of Planning Board matters coming to reality. Fees charged by the department were discussed as well as the Fire Prevention budget.

DRAFT MINUTES

Health Department

Health Officer Jeffrey Plunkett and Lorna Bonorand were present to discuss the department budget. Matters discussed were an increase in housing inspections for rentals, flu clinics, and Senior Center activities performed by the department.

Volunteer Fire Company No.2

Member Ben Thornton and Mike Crismali, Treasurer filling in for an ill Chief Genthe, were present to discuss the budget. Matters discussed were truck maintenance, and an uptick in calls including an increase in gas leak calls. Education of residents in matters regarding the prevention of fire was also discussed.

RISE

Chris Ciobanu was present on behalf of Leslie Koppel who was unable to attend. Matters discussed were the services provided by RISE, the 2 thrift stores and the food pantry operated by the organization and their participation in Township events. Mayor Mironov requested some statistics on the number of people helped by RISE and how.

Juvenile Conference Committee

Steve Schienvar was present to discuss the committee budget. Discussed matters were changes seen in the Township in Mr. Schienvar's 28 years on the committee, types of juvenile crimes being committed, student members on the committee, the part-time secretary, and the licensed professional.

Better Beginnings Child Development Center

Dennis McClary, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Peggy Iucolino, Member of the Board of Trustees, Luz Horta, Executive Director and Brenda Werner, Assistant Director were present to discuss the operating expenses of the center. The services provided by the center, the current waiting list for day care services, fund raising through the Shining Star Gala, and the Community Block Grant being their largest source of income in the coming year. Ms. Horta described a number of upcoming changes to the program plus the impact of a full time Kindergarten on the after school program. Appreciation was expressed for the Township's support.

East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

Fire Chief McCann was unable to attend. Council Member Lippman requested some statistics be obtained for budget purposes.

East Windsor Rescue No. 1

Mayor Mironov requested that the Township Manager speak with the Chief of the Squad regarding budget matters of the squad.

General Government and Miscellaneous Matters:

Budget matters discussed were: Township Manager's office, Human Resources, Township Council, Transportation Committee, Environmental Committee, Township Clerk's office, Finance Department, Annual Audit, Data Processing, Tax Collection, Tax Assessor, Legal Services, Economic Development, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustments, Statutory Charges, Capital Improvements, Debt Service, Grants, Sick Leave Payment, Other Insurance, Workers Compensation, Group Insurance, Health Insurance Waivers, Reserve for Uncollected Taxes.

Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Gretchen McCarthy
Municipal Clerk

Janice S. Mironov
Mayor