

BUDGET HEARING, JANUARY 15, 2015

Chairman Raymond Equils called the meeting to order at 19:00 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken with Commissioners Eadicicco, Equils, Kelly, and Scarlato being present. Commissioner Stalling was absent due to working out of state.

There were zero (0) fire officers and/or firefighters present. And it was noted that there was zero (0) members of the public in attendance when the meeting was called to order.

Chairman Equils read the Public Notice for this hearing, as advertised in the Asbury Park Press on Sunday, January 4, 2015, and also posted on two municipal public bulletin boards and on the firehouse bulletin board.

The Clerk noted that in the event any residents or taxpayers wished to review the budget, it was available for Public Inspection in the Fire Prevention Bureau Office during business hours for at least the past week. Additionally, he was present in the district office from 10:00 to 12:00 hours on Saturday, January 3, and on Monday, January 5 December 30 from 17:00 hours until 18:30 hours, for review of the budget by any interested resident or taxpayer.

He reported that no citizens or taxpayers nor any of the district's firefighters requested to review the budget at the district office.

The Clerk reported the budget document was sent to the Dept of Community Affairs in Trenton. He reported receiving a phone call from Treasurer Stalling, requiring the Clerk to contact the Local Finance Board at the Dept of Community Affairs, Division of Government Services.

He returned to call at 1-609-292-6613 and spoke to Alyssa Pane. She stated that there were additional documents that needed to be submitted, that were omitted in the original submission. Some of those documents were submitted already with the balance to be sent, prior to final approval of our adopted budget, by the state.

It is noted that this budget is "Conditionally Approved" by the division, pending their receipt of the additional documents

Clerk Kelly then reported the Approved Budget for 2015 reflects a Total Appropriation of \$921,304.00; with Total Revenues of \$921,304.00; of which the amount of \$780,530.00 will be raised by Taxation. He also noted that the 2015 Budget is In Compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.44 et seq.).

Even though the meeting room was empty, except for the elected members of the commission; at 19:17 hours Chairman Equils went through the formality of asking three (3) times if there were any questions or comments to be made on the Approved 2015 Budget.

Hearing no response to Chairman Equils' calling; a motion to close the Public Hearing was made by Commissioners Kelly and Eadicicco. This motion was passed unanimously by the board.

Clerk Kelly then read the following **RESOLUTION #010152015-01: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015.**

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Explanation: This resolution ADOPTS the Amended Budget for 2015, with a Total Appropriation of \$921,304.00; with Total Revenues of \$921,304.00; of which the amount of \$780,530.00 will be raised by Taxation. It also notes that the 2014 Budget is In Compliance with the Property Tax Levy Cap Law (N.J.S.A 40A:4-45.44 et seq.).

This Resolution was introduced and seconded by Commissioners Scarlato and Eadicicco. It was passed unanimously on a Roll Call Vote with Commissioners Eadicicco, Equils, Kelly, and Scarlato voting "AYE." There were zero (0) "NAY" votes. And Commissioner Stalling was ABSENT for the vote.

This concluded the business of the Public Hearing and Adoption of the 2015 Budget.

So with no fire officers, firefighters, residents or taxpayers, or other members of the public in the audience; Commissioners Scarlato and Eadicicco made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

The meeting closed at 19:20 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Kelly
Clerk of the Board

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