

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC BUDGET MEETING

March 19, 2018
Monday

The Township Council held a Budget discussion immediately following the Conference Meeting in the Municipal Building, 350 Pascack Road. Members present: Robert Bruno, Steve Cascio, Arthur Cumming, Michael Ullman and Council President Michael DeSena. Also present: Peter Calamari, Mayor; Mary Anne Groh, Administrator; Susan Witkowski, Township Clerk.

Time noted: 9:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION

2018 Budget Review

Review of what was spent and budgeted was discussed by Administrator Groh. A discussion also followed on putting monies in a reserve as a contingency, the max amount being \$50,000.

Capital Budget

The 2018 Road Program was discussed. A request will be put to Mr. Azzolina for a color-coded street map, with ratings, as well as a cluster list for the April 2nd meeting. Mr. Azzolina will also be asked for an estimate for possibly two phases of paving Woodfield Road. A list of roads and estimates will be needed before anything can be done. Land acquisition for the intersection was also discussed. The DMF would like to have a chipper, instead of using the garbage truck for branches, as well as an interchangeable canopy for the salt shed. Work that needs to be done to the DMF building was discussed. A suggestion was made on having "Chipper Days" for large branches 3 times a year, and the labor for the DMF department. The difference in pricing for Memorial Field and Gardner was discussed. A review will be done of the specifications and provided at the next meeting. Town-wide beautification was discussed, at various locations as well as perhaps updating the town logo/colors with an art contest. Currently, the Fire Department exhaust system is not operating, and the Scott Bottles are in capital surplus. The property next to Memorial Field, which was for sale years ago, was discussed, as well as the red house and possibility renting a small space for a monument. Having a true strategic five year plan was discussed. Mayor Calamari will be providing locations on solar powered pedestrian crossing signs. Oradell is breaking away until they determine their usage of the Senior Van.

There are two sizes for a new Senior Van, and cut sheets will be provided to show the difference. Administrator Groh will provide the details of the agreement as well as trade-in information. Mr. Joyce will also be asked who uses the van more often. A conversation followed on hiring a full-time driver for the van. Tax Collector position was discussed, which is not funded, and a \$5,000 stipend for certification. Hiring of a 4th full time police dispatcher, perhaps 5th police dispatcher per diem was discussed, as well as changes in the employee handbook to reflect benefits. Police Department will be identifying what stop signs need replacing in the Township over a two-three year period. A discussion followed on scheduling of the next budget meeting.

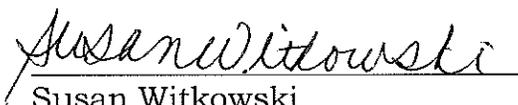
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11	8-01-20-145-110	TAX COLLECTOR			0	X
22	8-01-22-195-300	UCC FURN & EQUIP	1,200.00			
23	8-01-22-195-470	UCC-PRINTING		750.00		
24	8-01-25-240-120	POLICE-OVERTIME			282,000.00	X
25	8-01-25-240-193	POLICE SPECIAL OFFICERS			2,500.00	X
28	8-01-25-240-810	POLICE-COMPUTER SOFTWARE			500.00	X
34	8-01-26-290-130	DMF-SECRETARY			18,520.00	
37	8-01-26-290-400	DMF-UNIF & SAFETY EQUIP			2,00.00	X
		DIRECTOR SENIORS			1,200.00	X

A motion was made by Councilman Cascio, seconded by Councilman Bruno to adjourn.

Ayes: Councilmen Cascio, Bruno, Cumming, Ullman, DeSena.

Nays: None.

Time noted: 10:46 p.m.



Susan Witkowski
Township Clerk



Michael DeSena
Council President

Approved: May 7, 2018