

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2012
7:30 p.m.**

The capital budget meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, was held in the Community Center, 21-25 Union Street, Rockaway, N.J. with Mayor Russell Greuter presiding.

Mayor Greuter called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Greuter read the following statement: In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws, 1975, be advised that notice of this meeting was made by posting on the Bulletin Board, Town Hall, and sending to the officially designated newspapers, a list of meeting dates annually, indicating that the meeting would take place at the Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on December 3, 2012. Mayor Greuter announced the location of the fire exits.

Councilmembers Present

Joyce Kanigel
Thomas Donofrio
Thomas Mulligan
Joseph Vicente
John Willer
Melissa Burnside - Council President

Councilmembers Absent

Everyone present participated in the salute to the flag.

Also in attendance were Jack Doherty, CFO/Treasurer; Joseph Rossi, Superintendent, Dept. of Public Works; Chief of Police Douglas Scheer; Recreation Director Carol Johnson; and Paul Ferriero, Borough Engineer; Fire Chief 2013 Sam Passarella and Assistant Fire Chief Ron Hamman.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Greuter opened the meeting to the public. There being no questions, Mayor Greuter closed the meeting to the public.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Doherty reported that there are no new capital projects for 2013 that were not already included in last year's bond sale.

The Police and Fire Departments will have no capital projects in 2013.

Recreation

According to Mrs. Johnson, the playground equipment at Centennial Park must be replaced at a maximum cost of \$10,000. This should be funded through the Recreation Trust Fund or small capital or a combination thereof. She asked for and received permission to remove the tire swing at Maple Avenue Park because she cannot obtain parts for it.

Public Works Department

Mr. Rossi discussed the capital improvement projects for Public Works.

- *Salt Shed* - Complete, about \$20,000 under contract. Any balance can be canceled and transferred to capital reserve.
- *Pick-up Truck* - Will be purchased in 2013 through state or county co-op.
- *Road resurfacing* - Five streets were resurfaced in 2012. The roads to be resurfaced in 2013 include Woodstone Rd., Hyland Ave., sections of Union St. and Hillside Ave., and Summit St.
- *Community Center Siding* - The bond sale included \$15,000 for this which will be accomplished in 2013; additional funding may be needed for windows.
- *Street Sweeper* - The contract was awarded.
- *Police Station Bridge* - Complete.
- *Park Lake* - Mr. Ferriero is still waiting to hear from the DEP regarding the spillway upgrades. We want to lower the lake one time and accomplish both dredging and any required dam repairs.
- *Energy Upgrades* - Approximately \$45,000 is left which could be used for generators or windows at the Community Center.
- *Firehouse* - Mr. Rossi will obtain estimates to repair the slate roof over the Firehouse. There is a leak over the truck bay. Mr. Rossi will check out the warranty for that portion of the roof. Mr. Passarella reported that the walls and ceiling of the firehouse are peeling and need to be repainted.
- *Friendship Field Renovations* - The \$27,000 balance in this ordinance could be canceled.

Generators

Discussion ensued regarding emergency generators for the various departmental buildings and water wells. Mr. Ferriero will work with the department heads to identify what is essential and obtain quotations from two firms to analyze what is needed for the departments to run on generators. This should be a priority project in 2013 and be worked on before the budget is adopted.

Water Department

- *Hillside Tank* - Complete.
- *Water Main Replacements* - Mr. Rossi would like to complete two loops: Flagge St./Broad St./Short St. and Hibernia Ave./Union St./Hoagland Ave.
- *Water System* - Mr. Ferriero said that 30-40 percent of the water pumped is not being sold. The trailer park is not metered, which accounts for a piece of that. He recommended that an analysis of unbilled users, leak detection, and comparisons of water usage standards to amount billed be considered as a potential Community Development project. A radio read system would allow us to read the whole system in a day or two. We had \$75,000 in capital for this; Mr. Rossi is trying to get an estimate for additional budgeting. The water system map needs to be redrawn with updated information.

Councilman Donofrio asked Mr. Rossi if he needs to fill the vacant position; Mr. Rossi would like a seasonal or part-time person.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Councilman Willer, seconded by Councilman Mulligan, and adopted unanimously upon voice vote, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION 159-12: CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Litigation (Hwa J. Cho-Park).
3. The minutes of the discussion shall be made public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATE: December 3, 2012

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

ATTEST: Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

BY: Russell Greuter, Mayor

Mayor and Council went into closed session at 8:27 p.m. and resumed the public meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Upon motion by Councilman Donofrio, seconded by Councilman Mulligan, and unanimously carried via roll call vote, to resolve the Hwa J. Cho-Park litigation by adopting an ordinance to revise the Code of the Borough of Rockaway to remove the words "of the county" from the requirement for massage, bodywork or somatic therapy businesses to provide three character references of the county.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Approved:

Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

Date: