

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2011
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 5, 2011. Mayor Greuter announced the location of the fire exits.

Councilmembers Present

Joyce Kanigel
Thomas Donofrio
Thomas Mulligan
Joseph Vicente
John Willer

Councilmembers Absent

Melissa Burnside - Council President

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; Paul Ferriero, Borough Engineer; 2011 Fire Chief William Hopler; 2012 Fire Chief Mark Howarth, and Assistant Fire Chiefs Sam Passarella and Ron Hammond.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

CAPITAL BUDGET

Police Department

Chief Scheer reported that the Police Department needs to replace two vehicles, one of which will be an SUV and can be considered as a capital item. The AFIS Child Identification System was identified as a 2012 project for \$21,000 and included in the recent bond sale. Chief Scheer suggested that the funding for the Child Identification system be used to purchase an electronic message board for all departments for emergencies. According to Mr. Doherty, the bond ordinance for the Child Identification System would be canceled and a new bond ordinance would be adopted to purchase the message board.

Discussion ensued regarding the possible acquisition of emergency generators for the Police Station, Municipal Building, Community Center, and wells. Mayor Greuter recommended that the sizes of the

generators be identified. The Governing Body agreed that the first priority would be the Police Station, followed by the Municipal Building. Generators needed for the wells would be paid for through the water utility budget.

Fire Department

Fire Chief William Hopler, Fire Chief Howarth and Assistant Chiefs Passarella and Hammond discussed the capital needs for the Fire Department. In 2011, they purchased ten sets of turnout gear and ten air bottles. They like to replace ten air bottles per year due to the 15-year life span.

Public Works Department

Mr. Rossi and Mr. Ferriero discussed the capital improvement projects:

- *Road resurfacing* - The roads to be resurfaced in 2012 include Hillside Ave., a small section of Mt. Pleasant Ave., Chestnut Terr., and Walnut Pl.
- *2012 Community Development Block Grant Application* - Manhole rehabilitation work.
- *Salt shed* - Mr. Ferriero has completed the plan for the siting of the salt shed and recycling in the Public Works yard. The use of the Gee property is limited due to the wetlands; any area that is not paved now must remain that way.
- *Park Lake* - Mr. Ferriero reported that the DEP has the Borough's Park Lake dam analysis but will not review it for a few months. The original intention was to lower the lake one time and accomplish both dredging and any required dam repairs. The area to be dredged and where to put the debris must be decided upon. The Park Lake work will be deferred until 2013.
- *Police Station* - The Police Station bridge work is basically complete; only the electrical outlets need to be installed for the heated mats. The recently replaced HVAC unit over the Chief's office at the police station is not working properly and must be replaced or upgraded.
- *Donatoni Field Improvements* - Major League Baseball has a "Baseball Tomorrow Fund" grant that is to be used for redoing baseball fields and could offset some of the costs to improve Donatoni Field.
- *Sweeper* - Will go out to bid in early 2012.
- *Pick-up Truck* - Will be purchased in 2012 through state or county co-op.
- *Portable Mechanic Lifts* - Will be purchased in 2012 through state or county co-op.
- *Community Center Siding* - Will be accomplished in spring 2012.

The status of the capital projects for the Water Department is as follows:

- *Hillside Tank* - The Engineer is preparing the bid specifications.
- *Radio transmission* - Mr. Rossi is obtaining quotations for the pump controls that will eliminate the use of telephone lease lines.
- *Radio read outs* - Mr. Rossi is obtaining information on the equipment that will be needed to eliminate door-to-door reading of water meters.
- *Well # 6A* - The building has been completed. Mr. Rossi is obtaining a quote for the fence.
- *Reservoir* - Because this property was sold, the project and its associated bond ordinance will be canceled.
- *Crestview Tank* - This project is finished.
- *Sanitary sewers* - Will do more televising and relining.

- *Air stripper* - Will need DEP permits. The carbon will need to be changed this year at an expected cost of \$100,000.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:

Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

Date: