

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING
MARCH 9, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

The 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 9:05 a.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 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2013. Mayor Greuter announced the location of the fire exits.

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

Thomas Donofrio

Everyone present participated in the salute to the flag.

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Greuter announced that the interviews for Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer have concluded. The individual selected for Chief Financial Officer will take the Certified Municipal Finance Officer (CMFO) examination in June. Until such certification is issued by the State, Mayor Greuter would like to appoint Ms. Yolanda Dykes as Treasurer and Ms. Marie Goble, a retired CMFO, as Chief Financial Officer effective April 1, 2013. The start date for Ms. Dykes would be March 25, 2013 to allow her a few days to train with the retiring Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer.

Upon motion by Council President Burnside, seconded by Councilman Mulligan, and carried by majority vote via roll call, with Councilman Vicente voting nay, to concur with Mayor Greuter's appointment of Ms. Yolanda Dykes as Treasurer and Ms. Marie Goble as Chief Financial Officer effective April 1, 2013, at salaries within the salary ordinance. The start date for Ms. Dykes would be March 25, 2013

2013 BUDGET

Mayor Greuter announced that Mr. Doherty and the new auditor will meet next week to discuss the 2013 budget. Mayor Greuter explained that the new auditors are very concerned about the 2013 budget; the tax increase may be substantially higher than that originally predicted by Mr. Doherty.

Mayor Greuter reported that the new senior group, Crème of the Crop, has asked if they could receive money from the municipality as the two other senior groups do. The Governing Body agreed that no new incremental expenditures could be added to the 2013 budget.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

Councilman Mulligan requested a closed session to discuss Personnel (potential grievance).

CLOSED SESSION

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

RESOLUTION 45-13: 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: Personnel (potential grievance).
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: March 9, 2013

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

ATTEST: Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

BY: Russell Greuter, Mayor

Mayor and Council went into closed session at 9:23 a.m. and resumed the public meeting at 9:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Approved: As Submitted

Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

Date: March 28, 2013