

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2020
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 Mulligan presiding. Mayor Mulligan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Mulligan 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 this date. Mayor Mulligan announced the location of the fire exits.

Councilmembers Present

Melissa Burnside
Councilman Greuter
Thomas Haynes
James Hurley
Patrick McDonald
Robert Smith - Council President

Councilmembers Absent

Everyone present participated in the salute to the flag.

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Patricia Reiche, Borough Engineer Paul Ferreiro, Department of Public Works Superintendent Tom Slockbower, Assistant Superintendent Bill Hopley, and Water Foreman Chris Basile were present.

Borough Engineer – Paul Ferreiro provided an update on ongoing projects, including Fox Lake Dam, Hoagland Avenue Road Improvements, and Elycroft Avenue Road and Drainage Improvements; discussed upcoming projects.

Mayor Mulligan opened the meeting to the public for questions related to Engineering.

Joyce Freiermuth, 99 East Flagge Street, inquired about the proposed Lakeside Drive repair and the possibility of installing a stop sign, a possible dumping situation, how the prevailing wage for a flagman was determined, and any possible way to compel Rockaway Township to participate in the cleanup of Park Lake.

Department of Public Works – Superintendent Tom Slockbower provided a summary of the Department of Public Works undertakings during 2019 and discussed the budget requests for 2020, including improvements at the Police Station and the DPW Building, road resurfacing, a new landscaping trailer, and a new pickup truck.

Mayor Mulligan opened the meeting to the public for questions related to Department of Public Works.

Joyce Freiermuth, 99 East Flagge Street, inquired about the performance of annual reviews of employees.

CLOSED SESSION

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

RESOLUTION 62-20: 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:
 - Pending or Anticipated Litigation, Contract Negotiation, or Matters Falling Within Attorney-Client Privilege
 - Personnel (matter involving employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting)
 - Confidential Per Express Provision of Federal Law or State Statute
 - Release of Information Would Impair Right to Receive Federal Funds
 - Disclosure of Information Would Constitute Unwarranted Invasion of Individual Privacy
 - PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations
 - Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement Negotiations
 - Purchase, Lease, or Acquisition of Real Property with Public Funds, or Investment of Public Funds
 - Tactics or Techniques to Protect Safety and Property of Public
 - Deliberations May Result in Imposition of Specific Civil Penalty
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: February 8, 2020

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

ATTEST: Patricia L. Bussow, Borough Clerk

BY: Thomas Mulligan, Mayor

At 11:23 a.m., the Council went into closed session and resumed the public meeting at 11:26.

CFO Patty Reiche reviewed changes to the budget for the Clerk, Tax Assessor, Construction, and Zoning, as well as Insurance.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Mulligan opened the meeting to the public.

Joyce Freiermuth, 99 East Flagge Street, inquired about the new garage at the Public Works Yard.

There being no further comments, Mayor Mulligan closed the meeting to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Approved:

Patricia L. Bussow, Borough Clerk

Date: