

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 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
Thomas Haynes
James Hurley
Patrick McDonald
Robert Smith - Council President

Councilmembers Absent

Councilman Greuter

Everyone present participated in the salute to the flag.

2020 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer Patricia Reiche and Library Trustee Hank Wagner were present.

Library – Hank Wagner provided an overview of the programs, activities and accomplishments of the library during 2019 and reviewed budget requests for 2020.

Trolley Trail - The amount to be budgeted for engineering and permitting costs for was discussed.

Salaries – Salary increases for employees outside of unions were discussed.

Family Festival - The Fire Department Family Festival, including Councilwoman Burnside's request to pay for the Police Department for two nights and contribute an additional \$2,500.00 towards the fireworks, was discussed.

CFO/Treasurer Patricia Reiche discussed the proposed capital budget, as well as the regular operating budget, including her recommendation to waiting until 2021 for the purchase of benches for Parks and Recreation, furniture for the Police Station, a trailer for DPW, and a recording system for the Community Center.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Mulligan opened the meeting to the public.

Joyce Freiermuth, 99 East Flagge Street, inquired about Borough employees receiving annual raises, the Borough's current bond rating, and the Trolley Trail project.

Kathy Haake, 74 Rockaway Avenue, inquired about the potential amendment to the title and salary of the Recreation Director.

A resident inquired about the potential grant for the Trolley Trail project and the possibility of a resident absorbing some or all of the cost associated with the engineer preparing permits, as well as the dredging of Park Lake.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Approved: As Submitted

Patricia L. Bussow, Borough Clerk

Date: April 23, 2020