

BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2016
6:30pm

A budget workshop meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Bradley Beach was held in the council chamber on the above date.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gary Engelstad opened the meeting with a salute to the flag.

Sunshine Law

The meeting has been noticed publicly according to the Open Public Meetings Act requirement for “Annual Notice”, and posted on the official bulletin board.

Roll Call 6:36PM

Present: Council: Cotler, Volante, Goldfarb
Mayor Engelstad
Business Administrator Wilkins
Absent Council: Galassetti
Secretary: Municipal Clerk Mary Ann Solinski

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Council reviewed the Beach Utility Budget changes recommended at the last workshop. Administrator/CFO Wilkins advised that the Sewer Utility Budget is less than in 2015. A brief discussion ensued and Mayor Engelstad requested Ms. Wilkins to ask Auditor Kaplan to provide the borough officials with a comparison of the borough’s percentage of employees costs in the sewer utility with the other municipalities he provides auditing services. Council also discussed the estimated costs for the public works building roof replacement project.

Councilman Cotler stated that he feels Monmouth County should re-stripe Ocean Avenue after their repaving project on Ocean Avenue scheduled for this upcoming spring. The councilman was advised that the county will only provide centerline stripping and crosswalks. Mr. Cotler then suggested that perhaps the borough could save monies by engaging the same company which the County hires for their project.

Administrator Wilkins reviewed the operating account noting some anticipated figures for upcoming employee changes this year.

Fire Chief Zech stated that the department will be able to stay within the budgeted figures with slight modifications to some line items. The Chief also advised that Company President Napoli has requested monies be dedicated for roof repairs and Capital Improvement funds for an available grant for upgrades to the heating and air conditioning units. Council expressed concerns that the current roof structure may not be able to accomodate any alterations according to a previous engineer’s report. Administrator Wilkins also discussed reimbursement for the 2014 utilities expenses.

Council reviewed anticipated cost for new recreation programs with Director Heeter. Councilman Cotler noted the increases in the recreation budget over the past three years as compared to the increases within several other departments for the same time period.

ADJOURNMENT

ON MOTION by Engelstad / Cotler the meeting was adjourned at 8:48PM.

Mary Ann Solinski, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

The Workshop Meeting scheduled to immediately follow the Budget Workshop was cancelled.