

# Borough of Bradley Beach



## 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WORKSHOP #2

# 2023 Budget- Borough of Bradley Beach

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While in the State of New Jersey, municipalities are often presented with challenges in their attempts to fashion a budget that is both effective and yet efficient, the Borough of Bradley Beach is challenged in 2023 by a few added factors:

# Budget Challenges for BB

Greg- take it away.....

- ▶ The 2023 Budget is primarily a story of INSUFFICIENT REVENUES to meet needs. It is NOT a story of excessive spending.
- The 2022 Budget utilized several non-recurring revenues that could not be utilized again in 2023 and could not be replaced. These included:
  - Capital Surplus \$160,000
  - Utility Surpluses \$451,000
  - American Recovery Program (ARP) \$217,000
  - Interfund Transfers \$328,000\*
- In addition, certain revenues that were properly anticipated in 2022 were not realized. These included:
  - Uniform Construction Fees \$ 50,000
  - Fees and Permits \$ 46,000
- Lastly, funds that had to be anticipated in 2022 that are not available in 2023:
  - Municipal Relief Funds \$18,500
- **Total** \$1,270,500

\*- omitted in original presentation

# Budget Challenges for BB

- ▶ In addition, inflation has not just affected our personal budgets. Just as the cost of meat, eggs and vegetables have increased, so have the costs of goods and services needed to operate municipal services.
- ▶ On March 8<sup>th</sup>, the Administration presented to the Governing Body a first look at the budget under development. This budget, with some adjustments to satisfy Appropriation and Tax Levy CAP requirements, was basically an assemblage of departmental requests. A FIRST PASS.....

# Budget Actions taken:

- ▶ Immediately, following the presentation, the administrative staff began examining the draft budget to identify budget accounts for adjustment, recalculation, reduction, and correction. These budget accounts included
  - ▶ All Salary and Wage accounts
  - ▶ All Other Expense accounts
  - ▶ Capital Improvements
  - ▶ Reserve for Uncollected Taxes.

# Meeting the Budget Challenge

- ▶ This intensive examination resulted in significant reductions and/or corrections to many of the accounts. Thanks to the diligence of administrative staff in all departments, a number of reductions were able to be affected.

Departmental line-item cuts	\$173k
Capital Improvement cuts	\$555k
Zero-based salary re-run	\$ 64k
TOTAL-	\$792k

# Budget Challenge for BB

- ▶ As previously mentioned, the Anticipated Surplus or any specific line item on the revenue side of the budget would generally be prohibited by law and would be an invitation to even more cutting back in 2024. It would be safe to say that the anticipation of revenues is already aggressive and should not, under any circumstances, be any more aggressive.



# Budget: Prudent Practical Manageable

- ▶ This budget, which had required an estimated tax levy increase of nearly 20%- has now been brought down to a true tax levy increase of 5.3%.
- ▶ Recognize this is occurring in the context of an economy that has witnessed an inflation rate of more than that amount. This budget is both prudent, practical, and manageable.
- ▶ It (budget) retains the ability to continue providing the level of services to which residents and visitors have become accustomed. Any further reductions will necessitate reductions in services to the Bradley Beach community.

# SERVICES PROVIDED TO OUR RESIDENTS:

Police Protection and Community Outreach



Court Services



Public Information

Building Inspections

Fire Protection

First-Aid Squad

Storm Cleanup

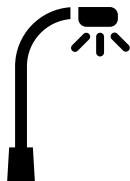


Snow Removal

Bulk Recycling

Electronics Recycling

Street Sweeping



Sewer Infrastructure Maintenance

Our Beaches



Public Library

Recreation Programs & Activities

Parks & Fields

Code Enforcement

Fire Inspections

Animal Control

Street Lighting

4 X year Bulk Pickup

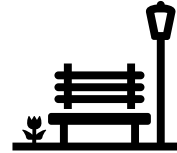
Road Repair

Sanitary Sewer Collection

Storm Basin Repair/Replacement

Our Lake Commissions

Environmental Programs & More



# ESTIMATED 2023 TAX LEVIES: How your tax money is distributed

Levy	ESTIMATED 2023 LEVY		ACTUAL 2022		Proposed Increase (Decrease)
	Percentage	Amount	Percentage	Amount	
School Levy (est.)	36.00%	\$ 6,884,398	36.80%	\$ 6,749,410	\$ 134,987
County Levy (est.)	21.00%	4,018,805	21.48%	3,940,004	78,801
Borough Levy	39.75%	7,612,379	38.82%	7,118,812	493,567
Library Levy	3.31%	634,173	2.900%	531,721	102,452
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 19,149,754</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 18,339,947</b>	<b>\$ 809,807</b>

All of the above revenue sources are collected by the Borough, but only the Borough and Library levy are included in our current fund budget. The Borough has no control over County or School levies, meaning, if we don't collect taxes, the municipal payments to those entities are still due. The Borough levy is the only budget we control.

# Budget In closing:

Budgeting is always a balancing act, seeking to provide desired, expected, and improved services at the least possible cost. That is the objective of this budget for the year 2023. Through the assistance of a number of people, we believe the objective has been achieved.

▶ Thank You.....

▶ NOW → Anthony Mannino- our CFO