

## **A BUDGET MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD VIA ZOOM, ON JANUARY 29, 2022**

*In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. The Annual Notice, which details the meetings dates for the year, has been sent to The Record and Ridgewood News, placed on the Municipal Bulletin Board and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.*

### **1. CALL TO ORDER- OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT – ROLL CALL**

Mayor Didio called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

**Mayor Didio:** “Notice of this meeting was published in the official newspaper and prominently posted in Borough Hall and filed with the Municipal Clerk in accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meeting Act.

At roll call, the following were present:  
Mayor Dianne Didio

Councilmembers:  
Tracy Schoenberg  
Roger Tashjian  
Stephen Carnevale  
Rob Jannicelli (ABSENT)  
Miriam Yu  
Jonathan Kern (ABSENT)

Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk Laura J. Lyons provided an overview of the process. She provided the schedule for today: 8:00AM Fire Department; 8:30AM OEM and 9:00 Police Department.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Joe Lomoriello presented the budget for the Fire Departments in 2022. They are requesting a 3% increase. Additional expenses were incurred due to COVID. He provided a recap as to the status of the department a year ago versus now. He was happy to report that the day-to-day functionality is returning to a normal status from Covid impact. He reported the largest line-item increase for 2022 is bringing the training budget back up to where it was a few years ago. He explained the reasoning for the restoration fundings. The only other increased line items is education, dues & subscriptions. The Emergency reporting system software needs upgrading and subscriptions increase year to year. He reported that the rest of the budget remained mostly unchanged. Councilman Carnevale asked the CFO if all invoices have been posted for 2021 against the encumber approved amount. The CFO indicated that invoices are still being received from vendors.

Mayor Didio asked for clarification on the uniform expense and Chief gave explanations.

### **OEM**

OEM Coordinator Joe Gothelf, provided a breakdown on budget changes for 2022 in the OEM budget. He cited there were only two line items that have been impacted. The Borough formally migrated to a new alert system and the pricing has increased. He also added a more accurate weather subscription to monitor major weather events. There were no budgetary inquiries by the Mayor and Council. Discussion ensued as to publicize the new alert system.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Wicker reported recapped the staffing changes that occurred last year with retirements and new hires. He stated they also finished sergeant promotions and will be finalizing a Lieutenant shortly. The retirements versus new hire salary provided some relief in the operating budget however unforeseen overtime impacted the 2021. Upcoming training also impacts the budget. This training is mandated by the Attorney General and is required. Body Worn Camera training will be able to be done inhouse. The CFO indicated how budget shortfalls are accounted for in the final budget with transfers at the end of the year by way of resolution. He provided an update on the Crossing guard program. He outlined line items that had small increases year over year.

Motion to open to the public made by Councilman Tashjian & seconded by Councilwoman Yu. All in favor.

### **Public Comment:**

Each speaker shall have one turn and not to exceed 5 minutes. Please identify yourself at the microphone and remain courteous.

No public comment

A motion to close public comment made by Mayor and seconded by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Carnevale. All in favor

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Tashjian and seconded by Councilwoman Yu. All in favor.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:03 am, the public meeting adjourned.

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Laura J. Lyons, CPM, RMC, RPPO  
Borough Administrator/Municipal Clerk