

A BUDGET MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS BOROUGH HALL, ON FEBRUARY 11, 2023 AT 8:00 AM

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 at 8:05AM.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Dianne C. Didio
Tracy Schoenberg, Councilwoman
Roger Tashjian, Councilman
Stephen Carnevale, Councilman
Rob Jannicelli, Councilman
Jonathan Kern, Councilman
Michael Staff, Councilman

Mayor Didio stated today was second budget meeting for the Departments to present their 2023 operating budget requests

DPW:

Dan Nywening, DPW Superintendent, presented the DPW budget which is divided into various accounts. He stated the major component in the road department is salary and wages. The CFO explained that when employees are transferred within the different departments one budget is increased for salary and the other line item is decreased. Mr. Nywening suggested an increase to the special event overtime line items since more events are being offered by the Borough. He outlined other various line items that reflect increases and provided information relating to the request. He stated he is requesting an additional staff member be added to the building and grounds department due to the workload. Mayor Didio suggested a utility audit be completed in Borough buildings.

On a motion made by Councilman Carnevale, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on a voice vote, the Council entered into closed session at 8:45 AM.

On a motion made by Councilman Staff, seconded by Councilman Tashjian and carried on a voice vote, the Council entered into special public meeting at 8:55 AM.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Chief Wicker presented the police department budget. He provided a recap of the officer roster, salary and wage lines. He requested to advertise for a new officer due to a recent retirement. He stated that various increases within his budget are attributed to vendor pricing increase with contractual services. There was a discussion regarding telephone services and redundancy. Chief Wicker stated he will have a presentation prepared for the next public safety committee meeting. Chief Wicker outlined his plan for Borough vehicle replacement and assignment.

OPTV:

Nick Besink presented requests for 2023 budget items for OPTV. He outlined needing additional retention space and adding closed captioning services.

MUNICIPAL CLERK AND MAYOR & COUNCIL:

Laura Lyons, Municipal Clerk presented the Mayor & Council budget. She indicated the budget remains flat. She also presented the Municipal Clerk budget. She stated that she is exploring a cost saving measure in codification line. She outlined the additional increases relating to elections and the Borough newsletter.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Kevin Harris, Borough Administrator presented the Board of Health budget request. He stated the budget remains flat however he is finalizing the recommendation for the county health contract renewal. He stated a resolution will be listed at the end of the month.

ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE/ INSURANCE/ OTHER COMMITTEES:

Kevin Harris, Borough Administrator presented Administrator and committee budgets. He summarized increased budget lines in the Administration budget. He stated all committee budgets are flat with exception to the Beautification Committee. They have requested a tree planting in Schirra Park. He explained the increase in the Insurance budget relating to Health Care and JIF cost.

Katie Chen, CFO presented the Finance departments. She outlined the increase to the salary and wage due to the reclassification of the tax collector position being full time. All other requests remain flat. She stated the Borough is in the 3rd year contract of a 5 year rolling tax assessments. Mayor Didio asked her to coordinate a closed session for the annual meeting with the Tax Appeal attorney and Tax Assessor.

ADJOURNED

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Staff and carried on a unanimous voice vote the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM..

Laura J. Lyons, CPM, RMC, RPPO
Municipal Clerk