

A CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ORADELL WAS HELD, ON JULY 19, 2023, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF ORADELL BOROUGH HALL 355 KINDERKAMACK RD

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

Council President Tracy Schoenberg called to order and the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act was read.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Katie Chen, Chief Financial Officer and Kevin Harris, Borough Administrator (arrived at 7:40).

CAPITAL BUDGET PRESENTATIONS:

Fire Dept:

Chief Kaplan outlined the 2023 request for the department. He stated that the PPE (personal protective equipment) request might be able to be reduced if the Borough is able to secure an upcoming grant to offset the expenditure. The grant timeline was discussed. The council agreed to endorse resolution when listed on an upcoming meeting agenda.

Chief Kaplan spoke about the boat trailer. The need for a two-tiered trailer is to condense space, which is a premium at the Fire Headquarters. In addition, it will allow the department the ability to utilize two vessels on a swift water call therefore maximizing its resources.

Chief Kaplan requested that the vehicle replacement should be prioritized. The annual cost of vehicles increases each year along with limited inventory.

Chief Kaplan summarized joint projects completed between the department and the Borough. He stated they would like to continue the partnership with upcoming projects including air conditioning and the bathroom renovations in headquarters.

Chief Kaplan addressed the Apparatus Sinking Fund. It is recommended that fire apparatus be replaced after 25 years. He stated there is a truck nearing the end of life. Chief Kaplan suggested \$250,000 be added to the sinking fund. He added the lead time to build the trucks are upwards of 3 years. Council President recommended the Borough make a 30% deposit into the fund as it will allow for strategic budget planning on the remainder payments.

Recreation & Special Events:

Ken Baumann, Recreation Director stated the Senior Van final amount increased and therefore additional monies needs to be added to cover the previously placed order. There was discussions about expanding the van availability.

Building & Grounds:

Dan Nywening, Superintendent of Public Works presented the 2024 capital requests. He requested a replacement a Garbage Truck that is used leaf season. He stated there is a combination truck, that if selected can replace two outdated vehicles. Katie Chen, CFO confirmed the existing amount currently in the sinking fund. She further asked if a Borough auction was being conducted this year.

Mr. Nywening stated the library roof needs to be replaced as it has had major repair issues for quite some time. Councilman Staff requested that a generator system be researched for the library. Mr. Nywening presented the last project, replacement of lighting at basketball courts. He stated that are other outstanding upgrades needed for many of the facilities inclusive of bathroom repairs, key fob lock systems and upgrades to security cameras.

OPTV:

Nick Besink requested new monitors; he stated the current ones in use are from 1996. He stated he will be reaching out to Optimum to request giving Oradell a HD channel.

Administration:

Borough Administrator Kevin Harris presented two matching grant projects that need funding. Both project applications are underway, and the Borough match is required. Two projects are Lotus walk Path and Improvements to Memorial Field. He stated the Council should also think about project value amounts for the 2024 road program and tree plantings. Councilman Staff requested the Council consider reinstating the Sidewalk repair Program. There was a brief discussion regarding the process and current language of the ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
None

On a motion made by Councilman Tashjian, seconded by Councilman Staff, and carried on voice vote the meeting was adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:44 pm, the public meeting adjourned.

Melissa Presta, Deputy Municipal Clerk