

The February 15, 2025 Budget Workshop meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room located at 530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike; Mayor John Driesse presiding.

Township Clerk Carol Marsh read the following statement for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

"In accordance with the requirements of New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Notice which was filed in the Office of the Township Clerk; posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building; published as legal notice in the Suburban Trends and Daily Record newspapers; and distributed to all persons requesting notice in accordance with Township policy. This notice included the statement that the purpose of this Special Meeting is to hold a budget workshop meeting and no formal action will be taken."

Present:

Mayor John Driesse
Deputy Mayor Kyle Russell (via telephone)
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman David Kohle
Councilman Vincent Siracusa

Absent: None

Also Attending:

Adam Brewer, Township Manager
Julie Kupilik, Township CFO
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

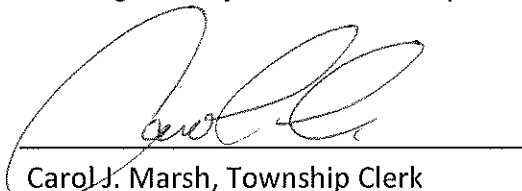
- Mr. Brewer reviewed the draft budget focusing on changes in appropriations from the prior year, reviewed revenues, focusing on non-recurring sources of revenue, and reviewed utility budgets. Members of the Council and Mr. Brewer discussed the budget, reviewed the capital budget, potential changes to the support of volunteer organizations, use of the Township's fund balance and the potential tax rate.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

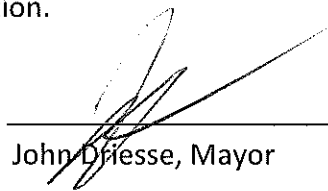
- Marty Drag expressed appreciation for the Township's efforts on the budget and recommended the Township consider beautification of the community including the Turnpike and Harry Henning House and consider hiring or sharing a code enforcer.
- Cathy Winterfield recommended the Council consider what their overall objective is, and "step up" efforts to recruit donations for volunteer organizations.
- Sharon Taylor expressed appreciation for the job the Township is doing on the budget, recommended obtaining feedback on financials, questioned if the Board of Education could put the cost of a special needs park in their budget and recommended seeking alternate rates instead of purchasing a chipper.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Siracusa, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



John Driesse, Mayor