

**BOROUGH OF PITMAN
BUDGET MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

Call to Order

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice of this meeting was sent to the "South Jersey Times" newspaper. In addition, a copy of this notice was posted on the bulletin board in the municipal building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Notice on the bulletin board has remained continuously posted.

Roll Call

Councilman Austin: Present
Councilman Pierpont: Absent
Councilwoman Rudley: Present
Mayor Johnson: Present
Borough Clerk O'Donnell: Present

Council President Blass: Present
Councilman Razzo: Absent
Councilman Weng: Present
CFO Steve Considine: Present

Work Discussion

Motion to Open Discussion: Blass
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Second: Rudley

2018 Proposed Municipal Budget

Councilman Austin presented the proposed 2018 municipal budget to members of Council for review. He stated that the budget contains no loss of services to the residents, or any major reductions to the individual department budgets. Funds have been added to the budget for the following expenses in 2018:

- \$20,000 to repair a one-arm trash truck
- \$75,000 for a new dump truck for Public Works
- \$20,000 for the demolition of 125 Tenth Avenue
- \$20,000 for police equipment
- Salary for one full-time Public Works employee

A new line was added to the Recreation Department budget in the amount of \$2,600.00 for an insurance program that would cover participants of Borough Youth Recreation Programs. The budget also contains sufficient funds to cover the down payment for potential bonds in 2018, and \$10,000 was allocated for the purchase of new outdoor holiday lights.

Councilman Weng asked to have \$2,400 added to line item #8-01-26-300-710 for compensation to be paid for maintenance of the Borough's website by a current employee, or possibly an intern.

Approximately \$650,000 from the General Fund surplus will be used to offset the appropriations added to the 2018 budget. Using these funds will result in no tax increase to the municipal budget for the homeowners of the Borough. No funds will be taken from the Water and Sewer surplus account for the 2018 budget.

CFO Considine said that the budget can be introduced at the regular meeting on March 12, 2018. Final adoption and the public hearing will take place at the regular meeting on March 26 at 8:00 pm.

Motion to Close Discussion: Austin
Time: 7:22 p.m. Second: Blass

Public Portion

Motion to Open to the Public: Austin
Time: 7:22 p.m. Second: Blass

No public comment.

Motion to Close the Public Portion: Austin
Time: 7:22 p.m. Second: Weng

Adjournment

Motion: Austin
Time: 7:24 p.m. Second: Weng

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith O'Donnell
Borough Clerk/Administrator