

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
280 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK NJ 07432
DECEMBER 15, 2022
6:00 P.M. BUDGET SESSION MINUTES**

On December 15, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Midland Park conducted a meeting at Borough Hall located at 280 Godwin Avenue. Agenda items for the meeting were listed on the Borough website. There was also an option for the public to access the meeting electronically by Toll-Free number 1-866-899-4679 Access Code: 335-352-949.

Mayor Shortway called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., noting the date as December 15, 2022, and that there will be a 3-minute limit to each individual addressing the Governing Body during the Open Public portion of the meeting.

SUNSHINE LAW STATEMENT: This meeting is being held in accordance with the Sunshine Law, notice having been published according to law with a copy on file in the Borough Clerk's Office and a copy posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building.

Roll Call:	Mayor Shortway	Present
	Councilman DeBlasio	Absent
	Councilman Damiano	Present
	Councilman Iannone	Absent
	Councilman Kruis	Present
	Councilwoman DeLuca	Present
	Council President Peet	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin, Chief of Police Michael Powderley, Chief Financial Officer Laurie O'Hanlon, Library Director Catherine Dileo, Fire Official Michael Rau, and Councilman-Elect Mark Braunius

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

This will be the only Open to the Public portion of the meeting. No further discussions will take place once the Budget portion of the meeting begins.

Caller 01 – No comment.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

1. Budget Discussions

Fire Prevention – Fire Official Michael Rau requested to purchase a vehicle that would be dedicated to Fire Prevention. Mr. Rau is currently sharing his Fire Prevention vehicle with Property Maintenance Official John Torry. Mr. Rau also requested a portable printer for the back of the vehicle. The funding come from life hazard rebates received from the State.

6:18 P.M. Fire Official Michael Rau exits the Budget Session.

Police Department – Police Chief Michael Powderley discussed the 2023 Police Department's Capital requests Account and the need for the purchase of new weapons, a new (AED) Automated External Defibrillator. In Other Expenses, the Chief discussed to the possibility of hiring an 18th officer for the Police Department, \$1,300.00 for new vests, would like to increase the clothing allowance, and compensation for future retirees needs to be anticipated and the amounts need to be saved.

6:25 P.M. Chief of Police Michael Powderley exits the Budget Session

Library – Director Catherine Dileo reported to the **Mayor** and **Council** all the new events and upgrades the Library would like to offer. Current programs include: book club at the Kentshire, and the children's room on Thursday night's is very successful. The data for foot traffic for the year 2022 was 43,176 to date and currently 58% of residents (4,078) have a Library card. A brief discussion was held with **Councilman Damiano** and Ms. Dileo in regard to other neighboring municipalities and their libraries.

There being no further business to address, at 6:45 P.M., on a Motion by **Councilwoman DeLuca**, Seconded by **Councilman Kruis** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Martin, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk