

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
280 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK NJ 07432
FEBRUARY 9, 2023
6:00 P.M. BUDGET SESSION MINUTES**

On February 9, 2023 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.

Mayor Shortway called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M., noting the date as February 9, 2023, 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	Present
	Councilman Damiano	Absent
	Councilman Kruis	Present
	Councilwoman Peet	Present
	Council President DeLuca	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin and Chief Financial Officer Laurie O'Hanlon

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. No Public was present.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

1. Budget Updates

Chief Financial Officer Laurie O'Hanlon announced the taxes for 2023 is 5.7% increase for the average \$348,429.00 home in Midland Park which equates to \$187.26. These figures are for municipal taxes only. Ms. O'Hanlon stated the Auditors approved the usage of more surplus for the year 2023. Recycled paper has aided in lowering increases in the taxes.

Councilwoman Peet discussed the repayment of \$3.89 million bond. Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin explained the Road Resurfacing Projects have been completed for 2022 as this was a large expense.

Ms. Hanlon updated the Governing Body on the status of the technology bond and grant monies. Information Technology Philip Scaglione and Superintendent of Public Works Matthew Tauber will meet and discuss the projects that are still in need of upgrades and update the Mayor and Council.

Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin received two proposals from grant writers. The proposals were for \$40,000.00. In a recent conversation with Borough Administrator Lenore Benjamin from the Borough of Glen Rock, their municipality is awarded an abundant amount of money through their Grant Writer, Millennium Strategies. Ms. Martin stated that the Borough applies for grants in-house and is not convinced that spending \$40,000.00 would be worth it.

Ms. O'Hanlon would like to introduce the Budget at the February 23, 2023 Mayor and Council Meeting.

There being no further business to address, at 6:23 P.M., on a Motion by **Councilman Braunius**, Seconded by **Councilman Kruis** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Martin, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk