

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK
280 GODWIN AVENUE
MIDLAND PARK NJ 07432
DECEMBER 9, 2021
6:00 P.M. BUDGET SESSION MINUTES**

On December 9, 2021 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 9, 2021, 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 Damiano	Present
	Councilman Kruis	Present
	Councilman Sansone	Present
	Councilwoman DeLuca	Present
	Councilwoman Peet	Present
	Council President Iannone	Present

ALSO PRESENT: Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin, Certified Financial Officer Laurie O'Hanlon, Recreation Director Kathy LaMonte, and Library Director Catherine Dileo.

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.

There were no members of the public present at this time

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:

1. Budget Updates – Department Discussions

Board of Recreation – Kathy LaMonte, Director requested \$20,000.00 for the year 2022. This amount has not changed since 2021. Due to COVID-19, some of the community events were cancelled during the year. The **Governing Body** asked Ms. LaMonte if there was a discussion with the Borough of Waldwick concerning summer camp in 2022. Ms. LaMonte will schedule a meeting and will further her finds to Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin. The cost for the holiday wreaths and their storage have changed. Ms. O'Hanlon will research the costs from previous years.

Midland Park Memorial Library – Catherine Dileo, Library Director is asking for \$455,000.00 for the year 2022. Ms. Dileo is allocating \$9,000.00 for digital purchasing which has increased by 6% in requests. The Library's budget includes: digital books, building upgrades, purchase of "Wonder Books", staff

education, and museum passes. Councilman Damiano inquired if the Library can track how many people utilize the facility within the year. Ms. Dileo stated there were different activities the Library can track. The Library can tally according to number of people entering through the door, total amount of books and digital items borrowed, and the rental of the community rooms.

There being no further business to address, at 6:40 P.M., on a Motion by **Councilwoman DeLuca**, Seconded by **Councilwoman Peet** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Martin, RMC
Borough Administrator/Clerk