

**BOROUGH OF MIDLAND PARK  
280 GODWIN AVENUE  
MIDLAND PARK NJ 07432  
DECEMBER 8, 2022  
6:00 P.M. BUDGET SESSION MINUTES**

**On December 8, 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 8, 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.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Administrator/Clerk Wendy Martin, Chief Financial Officer Laurie O'Hanlon, Fire Chief/Superintendent of Public Works Matthew Tauber, Recreation Director Kathy LaMonte, 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.**

There were no members of the public present at this time.

**BUDGET DISCUSSIONS:**

**1. Budget Updates – Department Discussions**

**Board of Recreation** – Kathy LaMonte, Director discussed the following subjects: insurance for Borough events, Community Day and the security at the train ride, and the possible purchase of a golf cart for Summer Camp.

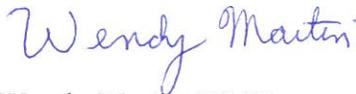
**Midland Park Fire Department** – Fire Chief Matthew Tauber requested increases in the Fire Departments Operating Expenses. Due to additional members enrolled, the seminar expenses and clothing allowances have increased. Chief Tauber also requested monies for a new program, CODES, which was started by the Mahwah Fire Department. CODES is a mapping program that is able to send requestors information such as building layouts and other pertinent and lifesaving material. There is a monthly fee for this service. For Capital Equipment, Chief Tauber is requesting to replace three (3) sets of turnout gear,

portable radio upgrades and replace the rescue truck. The Borough of Glen Rock has a used 1999 Rescue Truck that maybe a possible purchase for \$5,000.00.

**Department of Public Works** – Superintendent of Public Works Matthew Tauber reported the unused funds from the 2022 Road Resurfacing will rollover into the 2023 accounts. The roads that will be paved include: Franklin Avenue from Godwin Avenue to the Ridgewood border, Colonial Drive, Rea Avenue, and Chamberlain Place (both east and west). For the Borough’s Drainage Reserve project, Mr. Tauber is requesting \$50,000.00 be set aside so that the next years to come, a company can be hired to map out the sewers and drainage pipes of Midland Park. Additional Capital requests were for a golf cart, future renovations to Borough Hall, a tow behind the leaf vacuum which can be a shared service with another municipality and over the years, save money and time. The Building and Grounds line-item amount has increased due to the new Woodside Avenue field and projected planter boxes on Godwin Avenue. Mr. Tauber is researching grants offered through the County for a streetscape project for Central and Godwin Avenues. Recycling and Solid Waste market and prices are poor and costly. The residents White Goods recycling is bringing in money since the staff at DPW have been picking up the items. The Department of Public Works Vehicle Maintenance line-item budgeted amount has stayed the same as the previous year.

There being no further business to address, at 6:58 P.M., on a Motion by **Councilwoman DeLuca**, Seconded by **Councilman DeBlasio** and carried, **Mayor Shortway** adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Martin, RMC  
Borough Administrator/Clerk