

**MAYOR & COUNCIL  
BUDGET MEETING  
FEBRUARY 23, 2013  
9:00 a.m.**

The Budget Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, was held in the Community Center, 21-25 Union Street, Rockaway, N.J. with Mayor Russell Greuter presiding. Mayor Greuter called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Mayor Greuter read the following statement: In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws, 1975, be advised that notice of this meeting was made by posting on the Bulletin Board, Town Hall, and sending to the officially designated newspapers, a list of meeting dates annually, indicating that the meeting would take place at the Community Center at 9:00 a.m. on February 23, 2013. Mayor Greuter announced the location of the fire exits.

Councilmembers Present

Thomas Donofrio  
Joyce Kanigel  
Thomas Mulligan  
Joseph Vicente  
John Willer  
Melissa Burnside - Council President

Councilmembers Absent

Everyone present participated in the salute to the flag.

Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer John J. Doherty was also present.

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Mr. Doherty distributed a summary of the appropriations, including \$10,000 small capital for Recreation.

The Governing Body discussed the proposals solicited by the Borough Engineer from electrical engineering firms for a study to evaluate emergency generators. The proposals were based on adding natural gas generators; the grant that the Borough hopes to receive would be valid for diesel generators. The Engineer will be asked to contact the electrical engineering firms for proposals to evaluate only diesel generators.

Mayor Greuter discussed the Recreation summer staff payroll and paying hourly rates vs. stipends. Beginning in 2013, employees will be paid an hourly rate for time worked. Councilman Vicente will obtain information regarding the different Recreation summer staff positions.

Discussion ensued regarding the coverage of police overtime for events such as Celebrate Rockaway Day, baseball and soccer parades, Rotary's 5K race and Halloween parade, and the Fire Department Family Festival. Councilwoman Kanigel requested an update of Chief Scheer's 2010 memo detailing the cost of police overtime for these events.

Subject to flat state aid, the Governing Body agreed to provide:

- Baseball/Little League Parade - Recreation Trust Fund will fully fund
- Memorial Day Parade - full coverage
- Rotary's 5K Race - the same level of coverage as was provided in 2012 (i.e., coverage will not increase due to higher salaries)
- Fire Department Family Festival - full coverage for two nights
- Fireworks - \$5,000
- Soccer Parade - Recreation Trust Fund will fully fund
- Celebrate Rockaway Day - the same level of coverage as was provided in 2012 (i.e., coverage will not increase due to higher salaries)
- Fire Department Annual Banquet - \$13,000
- Rotary's Halloween Parade - Recreation Trust Fund will fully fund

Upon confirmation of the state aid amounts, Mayor Greuter will send a letter to all of the organizations informing them of the coverage and that municipal departments (such as the Fire Department) will not be permitted to move funds from one line item to another to cover an overrun.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mayor Greuter opened the meeting to the public. There being no public, Mayor Greuter closed the meeting to the public.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion by Council President Burnside, seconded by Councilman Donofrio, and adopted unanimously upon voice vote, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION 38-13: CLOSE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC**

**WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rockaway in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: Personnel.
3. The minutes of the discussion shall be made public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

DATE: February 23, 2013

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

ATTEST: Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

BY: Russell Greuter, Mayor

Mayor and Council went into closed session at 10:00 a.m. and resumed the public meeting at 10:15 a.m.

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Upon motion by Council President Burnside, seconded by Councilman Donofrio, and carried via roll call vote, with Councilmen Mulligan and Vicente voting nay, to increase the salary of the Chief of Police by \$10,000 effective January 1, 2013.

The budget will be introduced at a special meeting on March 21.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

Approved: As Submitted

Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

Date: March 14, 2013