

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
BUDGET MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 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 16, 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.

2013 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Carol Johnson, Recreation Director; and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members Tom Haynes, Pat McDonald, and Sandy Patamia discussed the 2013 budget submittal for Recreation. Head coaches of various sports were also present. Discussion ensued regarding the various sports.

- 28-370-200 - Recreation Commission - \$63,649

Miscellaneous	\$ 3,500
Women's softball	\$ 1,035
MCARP	\$ 850
Tennis	\$ 0
Track	\$ 2,075
Family trips	\$ 1,500
Basketball	\$ 4,445
Coaches clinic	\$ 200
Arts and crafts	\$ 850
Wrestling	\$ 1,300
Summer program	\$ 4,600
Volleyball	\$ 1,171
Park transportation	\$ 4,300
Ski programs	\$ 2,994
Junior baseball	\$ 4,401
Junior Babe Ruth	\$ 3,005
Senior Babe Ruth	\$ 3,146
Cheerleading	\$ 1,600
Football	\$ 6,800
Soccer	\$ 6,770
Girls softball	\$ 3,107
Men's softball	\$ 0
Swim team	\$ 1,700
Playground inspection	\$ 4,000
Internet services (web page hosting)	\$ 300

Mayor Greuter offered to conduct the Rutgers certification class for basketball, resulting in a savings of \$200. Additional savings would be possible if the Fire Department or a coach could be trained as a CPR instructor to save the cost of paying for a class.

Basketball hires crossing guards who have already had background checks to act as hall monitors during games. The money comes out of fees that the parents pay, not taxes.

According to Mrs. Johnson, employees who are certified to conduct playground inspections have been told that they could be personally liable. The Borough Attorney will be asked if the newly adopted indemnification ordinance would provide liability protection to them.

A baseball travel team that is not affiliated with Little League or sponsored by Recreation is holding practices and meetings at the Community Center. The required insurance must be submitted.

(Councilwoman Kanigel left at 9:38 a.m.)

Councilman Vicente discussed his view of hiring residents for working as part of the summer staff.

(Councilwoman Kanigel returned at 9:45)

Possible small capital projects, if funding is available, would include benches for the bocci ball court, motion sensor lights at Smith Field, replacement of shingles or roof work on batting cages and dugouts, new swim lane lines (which could be postponed). Mrs. Johnson will provide a cost list to Mr. Doherty.

Discussion ensued regarding the fees or donations collected by the various sports.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

2012 ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chief Financial Officer did not complete all of the required items for the auditor to prepare the Annual Financial Statement and Annual Debt Statement. The auditor may assess an additional charge of up to \$7,000 to complete these items.

Upon motion by Councilman Donofrio, seconded by Councilman Willer, and unanimously carried via roll call vote, to authorize the expenditure of up to \$7,000 to the auditor to perform the necessary work prepare the Annual Financial Statement and Annual Debt Statement.

SALE OF BOROUGH PROPERTIES

Discussion ensued regarding the Borough-owned properties that will be sold at auction with the assistance of Coldwell Banker.

Upon motion by Councilman Willer, seconded by Councilman Donofrio, and unanimously carried via voice vote to sell (a) Block 31, Lots 16, 17, 18, and 19 on Van Duyne Ave. as one parcel; (b) Block 60, Lots 9 and 10 on Cedar Lane as one parcel; and (c) Block 81.06, Lot 33.02 (67 Elycroft Ave. W.) as one parcel, with the minimum prices to be determined.

CLOSED SESSION

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

RESOLUTION 37-13: 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 16, 2013

BOROUGH OF ROCKAWAY

ATTEST: Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

BY: Russell Greuter, Mayor

Mayor and Council went into closed session at 10:31 a.m. and resumed the public meeting at 10:35 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Approved: As Submitted

Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

Date: February 28, 2013