

**MAYOR & COUNCIL
CAPITAL BUDGET MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2013
7:30 p.m.**

The capital 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 7:30 p.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 7:30 p.m. on December 2, 2013. Mayor Greuter announced the location of the fire exits.

Councilmembers Present

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

Councilmembers Absent

John Willer

Everyone present participated in the salute to the flag.

Also in attendance were Yolanda Dykes, Treasurer; Marie Goble, Chief Financial Officer; Joseph Rossi, Superintendent, Dept. of Public Works; Thomas Slockbower, Water Foreman; and Paul Ferriero, Borough Engineer.

CAPITAL BUDGET

Ms. Goble explained that there is no leeway in the general capital budget or in the water capital budget to fund projects for 2014. As of November 22, 2013, the general capital budget has \$10,390.00 in the capital improvement fund and a fund balance of \$63,204.29; the water capital budget has \$125.00 in the capital improvement fund and a fund balance of \$4,797.60.

The Finance Department is predicting shortfalls in both the general operating and water operating 2013 budgets which will have to be raised in 2014. They expect to have a better handle by the first week of January.

The status of the capital projects for which bond ordinances have already been issued was discussed:

- Road resurfacing - The 2013 bond ordinance for \$225,000 will be available for 2014. Funds have not yet been borrowed. No roads were resurfaced this year.
- Halsey Ave. Road Resurfacing - This project is almost complete and close to estimate.
- Fox Lake Dam - Mr. Ferriero explained that the Borough should receive final approval of the planning documents from the DEP shortly and expects that the DEP will classify the dam as Class I, high hazard. The dam will have to be upgraded to handle 34" of rain in 24 hours. In 2014, DEP will set the deadline for design documents and when construction should start. Mr. Ferriero estimates that the complete project will cost \$610,000, including fish removal, work on the dam itself, design, and 10 percent contingency. There is \$286,962.88 remaining in Bond Ordinance 04-11-08; another \$350,000 will have to be bonded, requiring a 5 percent cash down payment.
- Police Station Bridge - Complete. The \$8,828.08 balance in the bond ordinance can be canceled.
- Donatoni Community Park - Mr. Rossi reported that in the spring, the clay will need to be retopped and the grass rolled back. He recommended that the excess over \$10,000 in the bond ordinance be canceled.
- Community Center Siding - Mr. Rossi recommended canceling this project because it will cost more than \$15,000 approved in Bond Ordinance 04-11. This might be a Community Development project; Mr. Ferriero will look for an ADA improvement.

- Park Lake Dredging - Bond Ordinance 04-11-12 has a balance of \$32,844.92. Mr. Ferriero stated that the DEP dredging permit is valid until 2018 and the Morris County Soil Conservation District Permit is good until 2016. Although we have identified specific locations to be dredged on the Borough's side of the lake, the area could be changed (for example, to include a portion in the Township) with a permit modification. Mr. Ferriero recommended that material in the area to be dredged be tested for contamination. The estimated cost to test two areas would be \$5,000. The cost of disposal can range from \$25 to \$100 per cubic yard if there is contaminated material. The estimated cost for the project is \$280,000 for the DEP approved amount of 2500 cubic yards. Because the permits are valid for a few years, this project could be deferred or completed in steps. The Governing Body agreed to hold off on this project for now.
- Generators - Mayor Greuter suggested that the Energy Upgrades ordinance be used to purchase transfer switches for the generators. The Borough has received a \$140,000 reimbursement grant. Mr. Rossi suggested that portable generators be considered. Councilman Vicente will look into applying for a firefighter assistance grant for the Municipal Building.

The Finance Department will meet with the department heads to review the outstanding bond ordinances and prepare a resolution to cancel unused bond ordinances.

The Borough will receive \$80,000 from Community Development for potable water system improvements. Mr. Rossi recommended that the grant be used to purchase a water meter for the Route 46 trailer park and to repair a major water main leak on West Main St. He has an estimate for \$2,450 to repair the 11' deep water main leak on Wall St.

PUBLIC PORTION

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

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Approved: As Submitted

Sheila Seifert, Borough Clerk

Date: December 12, 2013