

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX
HELD AT THE SUSSEX MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2 MAIN STREET, SUSSEX, NJ
March 8, 2012**

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order and requested the clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present, Mrs. Krynicky, Mr. LaBar, Mr. Lagattuta, Mr. Meyer, Mayor Rose.

Absent: Mr. Dykstra, Mr. Fransen

Also present William Zuckerman, CFO and Tom Ferry Auditor

Mayor Rose led the assembly in the flag salute and requested a moment of silence.

Mayor Rose stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

NEW BUSINESS

At this time a discussion was held regarding the FY2012 Sussex Borough Budget.

Mr. Tom Ferry gave a brief overview of the budget as it is now presented to the Mayor and Council for review.

Requests for additional funding for a new playground, baseball fields, Fire Department, OEM, and John Ruschke were reviewed and discussed.

The difference between capital monies and the process of bonding was reviewed.

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Meyer made a motion to open the meeting to the public for any questions or comments concerning the good and welfare of the Borough. All comments should be directed to the Mayor and are limited to 5 minutes. Seconded by Mr. LaBar All were in favor.

Mr. Dan Stoll Chief of the Sussex Fire Department and Deputy Chief Rick VanderPloeg discussed the request of the fire department for \$25,000.00 per year to purchase turn out gear. This is the first time the Fire Department has requested help from the Borough to make these yearly purchases.

A discussion ensued about the shared funding and service area of the Sussex Fire Department with Wantage Township. Mr. Stoll described the current fleet of vehicles and the eventual purchase of a new fire truck.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mr. Lagattuta made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. LaBar All were in favor.

Conversation continued about a new fire truck and the possibility of a shared purchase with Wantage Township. The consensus of the Council is not to start funding a new purchase of a fire truck in this budget.

After continued discussion about the request from the fire department for \$25,000 in capital funds the consensus of the Council was to raise the annual allocation to the department by \$10,000.

The request from the Little League for improvements to the ballfields will be discussed at a scheduled meeting with Bob Schultz on March 9th.

The line item to pay off Bond Anticipation Notes was discussed and it was determined that additional monies should be added to complete the payoff before bonds would be needed.

The water and sewer budget was reviewed and the consensus was too introduced as presented with no rate increase anticipated for this year.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. LaBar All were in favor.