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The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Alviene who indicated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Alviene, Councilman Fox, Councilman McNear (arrived at 7:02), Councilman Meier, Councilman Regis, Councilman Verdonik and Council President Vath

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator, R. Oostdyk, Borough Attorney; J. Kozimor, Chief Financial Officer and M. O'Keefe, Borough Clerk

DISCUSSION:

Discussion of the 2015 Municipal Budget was conducted with the introduction scheduled for the March 17, 2015 meeting with the adoption at the April 21, 2015 meeting. Mr. Kozimor explained that the budget underwent a careful examination to find any additional savings to the taxpayers. The budget as it stands now would show an increase to the average homeowner of \$51.33; this includes increases in the library assessment. The main forces driving the increase in the budget are increases in health insurance costs, new garbage contract that increased and Pequannock River Basin Regional Sewerage Authority costs have increased. Line items are relatively flat on the operating side, minor increases were included for some departments, salary and wages have remained at the 2% increase. Capital expenditures increased by \$25,000, snow removal has had an impact on the budget. While this increase covers the Municipal portion of the budget, the schoolboard has not yet finalized their budget. No services cuts are in this budget, and the projected municipal increase is still reasonable. Discussion on Capital requests will take place at the April workshop meeting. Major items include road improvement programs, continued improvements at the water treatment facility, purchase of a vehicle for the Electric Utility, installation of a generator at the Municipal Building. Mr. Lampmann noted that the Capital improvement plan costs as presented are included in this budget, with no increases in taxes or the utility costs if all plans go as projected. Mr. Lampmann additionally explained that we are waiting for Bloomingdale to receive the permits to connect to the water supply piping in Butler. The permit request includes changes to the stream path in Sloane Park; at this time, they are trying to separate the two applications.

Councilman McNear asked if there were any major problems with the Boil Water alert issued, Mr. Lampmann explained that once the Nixle alert went out, the 911 system, Water Treatment Plant and his phone were inundated with calls. He also received calls from several major news outlets, who were under the impression that it was a water main break and wanted to send a camera crew to film the problem, he explained that it is a valve in the floor, additionally they thought a greater number of customers were without water, they were misinformed. Residents were well informed, sampling as per DEP standards has been completed and the Borough is waiting for the DEP response so that we can discontinue the Boil Water Alert. Keith Smith our Water Treatment Operator was excellent in his response and in coordinating with the DEP. The valve itself was not broken the valve company will be inspecting the valve tomorrow. All notifications require DEP approval prior to distribution.

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OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mayor Alviene opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Seeing no one come forward to speak a motion was made to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Fox
All in favor.

Second: Vath

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss a matter of potential litigation:

Moved: McNear
All in favor.

Second: Fox

Motion to return to Open Session:

Moved: McNear
All in favor.

Second: Fox

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Regis
All in favor.

Second: McNear

ADJOURNMENT: 7:35 p.m.

Adopted: April 21, 2015



Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:



Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dated: April 21, 2015

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MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Butler on the 3rd day of March 2015, that:

1. Prior to conclusion of the business meeting, the Borough Council shall meet in Executive Session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss matters as permitted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, sub-section (s):
 - () B. (1) Confidential or excluded matters, by express provision of Federal law or State statute or rule of court.
 - () B. (2) A matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.
 - () B. (3) A matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
 - () B. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
 - () B. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
 - () B. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure would impact such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
 - (X) B. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in Subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
 - () B. (8) Personnel matters.
 - () B. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.
2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Moved: McNear

Second: Fox