

February 19, 2020 – SPECIAL MEETING

The Township Committee met on the above date with Mayor Jeremy Liedtka calling the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. Roll call was taken showing present: Mayor Jeremy Liedtka, Committeeman Shreekant Dhopte and Committeewoman Denise Koetas-Dale. Also present was Township Administrator/Police Chief Kyle Wilson and CFO Wendy Wulstein. Absent was Deputy Mayor Lido Panfili and Committeeman Michael Russo.

The Open Public Meetings Act statement was read and compliance noted.

AGENDA MATTER(S) REQUIRING RECUSAL(S)

None

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION 2020-2-1 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHESTERFIELD TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH BURLINGTON COUNTY FOR SUB-GRANT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK FRANT FUNDS

The clerk advised the Committee that since the project to remove the architectural barrier removal project was completed prior to hearing about the 2019 FY grant allocation in the amount of \$52,000, there is not enough time to petition for reprogramming the grant allocation for another purpose. The Committee agreed to notify Burlington County Community Development that we would not need the allocation and will apply again during the FY 2021 cycle. All agree. The committee did not take any action on the resolution.

BILL LIST

Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion seconded by Mr. Dhopte to approve the bill list. All were in favor.

DISCUSSION

Budget – Ms. Wulstein stated she has worked through all the budget numbers and the maximum the tax increase can be is 1 penny and 6/100. This is with using surplus similar to last year. She stated this will be an approximate increase of \$42-\$44 for the average home. We still need to go before the Local Finance Board for approval for the CAP waiver for the police in approximately \$500,000. This number is down from last year. Will need to eventually go to referendum at some point. Each year there are a few slides in the power point presentation done during the budget hearing addressing the CAP waiver issue. We were able to lower the amount partially due to no longer having the legal expenses associated with the pipeline. These funds can now be moved to the police budget. Mr. Wilson stated during the Budget Advisory Committee meetings most of the issues seem to be around the school and bringing in additional revenues. Mr. Dhopte stated we will also need to spend some money from the recreation fund to get some of the projects. Mr. Liedtka stated there are funds left in old recreation ordinances that can be reallocated. Mr. Wilson discussed cost of batting cages and option as well as doing in house to reduce costs. Bathroom facility at the Rec Building and potential costs. Also looking to reduce costs by having two (2) DPW employees certified to apply chemicals.

There was discussion regarding the CTAA requesting funds for projects and that all future requests must come in writing.

Ms. Wulstein stated this year we are not deferring any school taxes. The budget schedule is to introduce the budget on March 12th. We will need resolution for budget intro, and Finance Board application as well as COLA ordinance. Local Finance Board meeting is April 8th and budget adopted on April 23rd.

Hearing no further comments, Ms. Koetas-Dale made a motion to adjourn at 11:58 AM seconded by Mr. Dhopte. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Municipal Clerk