

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2019 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Morgan, Council Members: Dennison, Hoag, Smith, Figueiredo, Pearson and Delfing.

ABSENT: Mr. Dennison and Mr. Figueiredo.

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order with a salute to the flag and in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by advertising notice of meeting in the N.J. Herald and posting copy of notice in the Borough Hall.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

PREPARATION OF THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET: The Mayor and Council continued to work on the 2019 municipal budget. There was a review of the salary ordinance and various positions were reviewed and consideration to increase the crossing guard by one dollar an hour. The discussion continued with the Mayor asking the CFO to include the potential increase and provide that report at the next meeting. Open space tax was reviewed with a consideration of increasing to 3 cents. Through the discussion the matter of capital projects was discussed; while there was none known, there is a plan to survey the properties obtained under an In-Rem foreclosure. A line item was created called liquidation of tax title liens with \$5000 added to use in that event. The Capital Improvement fund was increased from \$2000 to \$4000. The water utility budget was considered. The water tower maintenance is the only project known at this time and there is enough money in the Water CIF to complete that work.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

The NJDOT response to gas line service installation along Route 206 was reviewed and put NJ Planning Commission re: Plan Endorsement required for consideration of extended deadline was presented and a notice will be put in the newsletter as well as a notice to property owners along Route 206.

A letter from the NJ Planning Commission regarding the Center of Place designation requiring a Plan Endorsement to be considered for extension beyond June 30, 2019.

The Lead Line Service report provided by Water Operator was presented and approved. The Clerk will notify the Water Operator.

An estimate by Blake Williams for a second phase of repair to the park building for water damage in 2016 was reviewed and the clerk will forward to the insurance company.

Proposals for the security system in the Borough Hall were reviewed. Four cameras and a monitor which runs 7 days is approximately \$2525. An add on to the proposal included a buzzer or a panic button. Mr. Smith proposed the basic system at \$2525. The park building estimate included 2 cameras with a monitor is \$1675.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hoag to approve the Borough Hall motion for a total of \$2525. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Hoag, Smith, Pearson, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

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The Mayor reported to the governing body that an ordinance was reviewed and is being forwarded for consideration to allow chickens in residential zones.

The Mayor also discussed the bond anticipation rates are going up and the interest is coming down.

A water repair and maintenance agreement is being forwarded to Marksmen Enterprises.

Mr. Pearson and the Mayor will be attending a meeting with Wantage Court on 3/5/19 at 3 p.m. to discuss a potential joint court agreement.

There was also some discussion regarding the new coffee shop which was approved to be in the Gristmill Plaza. It seems that the location will be almost completely full and new signage was approved for that location as well.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS: There was no bills list provided this evening.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Hoag to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: All in favor. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**Beth Brothman
Municipal Clerk**