

BOROUGH OF JERSEY SHORE
SPECIAL MEETING
December 16, 2013
6:30 PM

Members Present: John Pisarcik, Deborah Colocino, Mary Greene, Marguerite Dyroff, Janet Barnhart, Sean Simcox, Kenneth Scheesley, Wade Snyder

Absent: None

Others Present: Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager; Dennis Buttorff, Mayor

Public: Charlene Brungard, Director of the Jersey Shore Public Library, expressed concern that if the library was not fully funded by the Borough of Jersey Shore that they would lose State funding under the law, as it is stated local funding cannot go backwards in order for the library to be eligible for the incentive for excellency, which they currently receive. She requested that the Borough keep the funding at the level it was for 2013.

President Dyroff indicated the Borough is doing the best they can to help the library and some projects in the Borough are being put off due to lack of funding. President Dyroff stressed the library was funded, as in the past.

Mr. Hamm indicated that the library was welcome to come to any monthly meeting to discuss the Act 13 monies in 2014.

Councilor Pisarcik asked if the library also requested funds from Porter Township.

The resident/spokesperson indicated the service area for the library is Jersey Shore Borough and Porter Township and Porter Township has not given any funds in the past.

Cathy spoke on behalf of the Summer Rec program, which is a 9-week program, 5 days a week, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In 2013, the program had 148 children, and cost \$50,000. They will need 11-12 counselors in 2014. Cathy stressed that approximately \$3,000 a year goes back into the community via the swimming pool.

President Dyroff agreed with the importance of the summer rec program, but indicated there were many programs in need of assistance.

Ann spoke on behalf of the library, pool, and the summer rec program. She also expressed concerns that there was no full-time manager at the pool. Bonnie Messersmith, Program Coordinator, indicated there was a full-time assistant manager, Crystal, at the pool. Ann also expressed concern that the library council representative does not attend the library meetings.

George Shroat expressed concerns regarding snow plowing. He also expressed concern regarding taxpayers paying the Worker's Compensation on the firemen. Mr. Hamm explained to Mr. Shroat that it was State Law the Borough pay for the workers compensation insurance on the firemen.

Mr. Shroat also expressed concern regarding the amount of wages for the street sweeper and suggested the highway crew sweep the streets by hand. President Dyroff explained the Borough only had 4 highway employees.

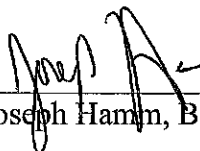
Borough Manager: Mr. Hamm introduced Ordinance 2013-10 (Tax Levy Ordinance for 2014) which would increase Borough taxes by a ¼ mil. A motion was made by Councilor Simcox. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The Motion was passed 8/0.

Mr. Hamm introduced the General Fund Budget, Liquid Fuels Fund Budget, and the Swimming Pool Fund Budget, collectively. A Motion was made by Councilor Scheesley to approve the 2014 Budgets. Councilor Green seconded the Motion.

President Dyroff requested a roll call. All Councilors voted yes, with Councilor Colocino voting yes, except on line item 454.371 of the General Fund Budget in which she abstained from voting on.

A discussion was presented by Councilor Simcox that the Act 13 monies go to the library, summer rec program, pool and bridges. Councilor Pisarcik pointed out the Act 13 monies may run out in the future, and there are many projects for the monies, as well as the bridges that needed to be repaired. Councilor Snyder stated the remainder of the Act 13 monies should go to the Library and summer rec program. Councilor Colocino agreed with Councilor Snyder that if the monies are available that summer rec get what they asked for.

Adjourn: Councilor Colocino made a Motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilor Scheesley seconded the Motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.



Joseph Hamm, Borough Manager