

BOROUGH OF HAMPTON

2023 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

MARCH 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Todd Shaner. The 2023 Municipal Budget Workshop began at 6:00p.m. This meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notification of the meeting was advertised in the February 23, 2023, edition of the Hunterdon Democrat. This meeting notice was posted on the public bulletin board and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.

Present: Mayor Shaner Rob Celentano John Drummond Doug Rega
Carroll Swenson Jeff Tampier Rob Wotanowski Kathy Olsen, CFO
Linda Leidner, RMC Alan Brower, DPW Director

Kathy Olsen, CFO offered an overview of the budget numbers as presented.

Most department budgets remained flat, others will increase slightly due to rising contractual costs.

Ms. Olsen explained that the State of New Jersey is allowing municipalities to keep the Health Benefits outside of the CAP due to the increase of 23% in the cost of the State Health Benefit Plan. Other health benefit programs will be explored during the coming year.

Sharon Burham from South Branch Emergency Services reported that South Branch had 124 calls in Hampton in 2022. Ms. Burham also submitted a request from South Branch for 6 sets of EMS turnout gear. Ms. Burham also offered to bring the EMT training simulator to the next Borough Council meeting to give a demonstration on how it works.

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Capital items were considered line by line by department. Discussion was held with department heads regarding these requests.

As of now the Municipal Tax will increase about a penny and a half.

The Chief Financial Officer will contact the Municipal Auditor regarding the preparation of 2023 Municipal Budget. It is anticipated that the introduction of the budget will take place on April 17, 2023.

With a Motion by Cm. Swenson, second by Cm. Celentano the 2023 Municipal Budget Workshop concluded at 7:59p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Leidner RMC
Municipal Clerk