

MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

April 30, 2013

The Council of the Township of Montclair, in the County of Essex, met in the Second Floor Conference Room, Municipal Building, 205 Claremont Avenue, for a Special Budget Hearing at 6:30 P.M.
 Present: Mayor Jackson, Deputy Mayor Russo, and Councilors Baskerville, Hurlock, McMahon, Schlager, and Spiller
 Absent: None

STATEMENT OF SUNSHINE NOTICE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Discussion: Township Manager Marc Dashield

Township Manager Marc Dashield responded to several questions regarding budget requests for various departments.

COUNCIL FINANCE COMMITTEE	
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CY 2013 BUDGET	
<i>The Council Finance Committee recommends that the Council make a number of adjustments to the introduced budget which will reduce the cost to the tax payer while decreasing debt and increasing the level of services to the residents.</i>	
REDUCE MUNICIPAL LEVY FROM A 2.4% INCREASE TO 1.9% INCREASE	
FUND KEY INITIATIVES:	
LIBRARY FUNDING	\$ 165,000.00
PRE K FUNDING	192,500.00
ADULT SCHOOL FUNDING	160,000.00
MESH FUNDING	12,500.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS	
FINANCIAL IMPACT ON THE TAX PAYERS	
Municipal Tax Only: (Includes local, school debt service & library)	
Subcommittee Recommendation- impact to average household	\$ 5,294.15
Increase over the prior year	\$ 73.42
Percentage Increase	1.9%
Estimated Combined Tax (Municipal, School, County)	
Estimated Combined Tax	\$ 16,618.81
Increase over the prior year	\$ 130.70
Percentage Increase	.8%

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FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

NON FINANCIAL IMPACT TO THE TAXPAYER

Per Capita Debt Reduction	\$	341.35
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July 1, 2012 Per Capita Debt	\$	5,846.16
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Estimated Dec 31, 2013 Per Capita Debt	\$	5,504.81
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Phase In Community Police Program

Increase the number of firefighters

Pay - down \$1.8 million in short term debt

BUDGET 2013

PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUDGET

Police Department

Reduce other expenses (police accreditation and clothing expenses) - \$49,000.00

Planning Department

Reduce redevelopment consultant expenses to cash capital - \$25,000.00

Health Insurance

Reduce prescription insurance premiums - \$75,000.00

Municipal Court

Reduce other expenses - \$13,000.00

Township Attorney

Reduce other expenses - \$19,395.00

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO BUDGET

Other Administrative Adjustments

Debt service adjustment, increase principle payment - \$33,000.00

Adjustment Pensions (PERS) increase - \$14,000.00

Increase use of Surplus - \$156,648.00

Increase revenue, fees and permits - \$75,000.00

Increase prior year bills - Tax Assessor appraisals \$18,277.50

Other focus areas:

- Recommendations regarding expenditures and taxes in the proposed 2013 budget
- Create plan so that the Pre-K and Adult Schools are not dependent on municipal funding
- Refunding portions of various bonds with the objective of saving \$2.9 million.

PUBLIC COMMENT

William Scott, 22 Cedar Avenue expressed concerns on issues regarding PSE&G work on Orange Road.

Councilor Baskerville assured Mr. Scott that the council and manager are working together to address his concerns.

Councilor Baskerville applauds the Mayor for having the vision and foresight considering this happened before the Mayor's tenor.

There being no one else present wishing to be heard, Mayor Jackson closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

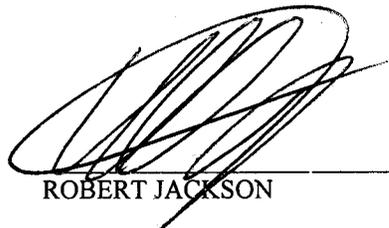
NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCE/FIRST READING-INTRODUCTION

Deputy Mayor Russo introduced the following Refunding Bond Ordinance and made a motion which was duly seconded, that it pass first reading and be further considered for final passage at a regular meeting of the Township Council to be held on May 14, 2013.

“REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE ADVANCE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF CERTAIN GENERAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS, WATER UTILITY BONDS, PARKING UTILITY BONDS, SERIES A, PARKING UTILITY BONDS, SERIES B (FEDERALLY TAXABLE) AND SCHOOL BONDS (SCHOOL BOND RESERVE ACT, P.L. 1980, C.72), APPROPRIATING \$53,000,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF SEVERAL SERIES OF REFUNDING BONDS IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT EXCEEDING \$53,000,000 FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF. (0-13-19)

The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

At 8.29 P.M. on motion made by Mayor Jackson and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.



ROBERT JACKSON

MAYOR

ATTEST:



LINDA S. WANAT, MUNICIPAL CLERK