

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 25th, 2015 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Morgan, Council Members: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Smith, Pearson, Delfing

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Michelle LaStarza, CFO

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.

RESOLUTION RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Dennison to approve a **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR INCREASE IN RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES PERCENTAGE**. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Andover collected only 92.48% of the 2014 taxes due to an increase in taxpayers being delinquent as a result of unfavorable economic conditions in the local economy and real estate markets for 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Andover's average collection percentage for the prior 3 years is 94.17% as calculated below, and

Collection Percentage:

2014	92.48
2013	95.93
2012	94.09
Total	<u>282.50</u>
3 Year Average	94.17%

WHEREAS, the lower percentage collected in 2014 has an effect on the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes" in 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to anticipate 94.17% collection for 2015, to help reduce the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes", with prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough Andover, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey, that the prior written consent of the Director of Local Government Services be requested to anticipate 94.17% collection of taxes in 2015 in figuring the "Reserve for Uncollected Taxes".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two certified copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Office of the Director of Local Government Services.

OPEN SPACE TAX RESOLUTION:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to set the open space tax amount for 2015 at 3 cents. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

2015 BUDGET:

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Danielson to approve the introduction and publication of 2015 municipal budget. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (public hearing April 27th, 2015)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Dick Mooney, the Assistant Water Operator reported that he had a contact to check the hydrants and valves in the Streets for large volume use of water. The cost would be \$900 for the day.

Mr. Smith, the Water Superintendent, explained that there has been "massive water usage" with the average usage being about 85,000 our current totals are about 120,000-200,000. He is concerned there is a break.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Figueiredo to approve an amount up to \$900 for this service. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith, Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- A. There was a discussion regarding seminar sessions for Pavement & Crack Treatment, Work Zone Safety. The Mayor will be attending the Pavement & Crack Treatment seminar, the clerk will register him.

The Sussex County Chamber Day was also discussed. Mayor Morgan and Mr. Figueiredo are already registered. Mr. Smith and Mr. Danielson would like the clerk to register them.

- B. The Mayor discussed a request by a local non-profit radio controlled airplane organization to use the park building on the 3rd Thursday of each month. A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Pearson to approve the use with the submission of a certificate of insurance. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith and Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

- C. Mr. Pearson discussed an article in New Jersey Municipalities magazine which discusses a town's income from the leasing of its water tower for cell antennas. Mr. Pearson will look into the matter.

- D. Mel Dennison discussed his research on the P.I.L.O.T. program (payment in lieu of taxes). He believes that there is still monies available and will call Trenton. It directly relates to land which is Green Acres.

- E. Mrs. Delfing reported that the Easter Egg Hunt is ready to go on 3/28 at 10 a.m. Mr. Figueiredo will be ready to help and meet the clerk at 9:15 a.m.

There was a brief discussion regarding the plaque for former Mayor Shirlee M. Bollard. The family will need to submit a brief quote or poem to be on the plaque and then it can be ordered.

- F. Mr. Danielson reported that there was an accident at the Borough Park on Friday 3/20 about 1 p.m. The vehicle drove through the chain link fence and destroyed the monkey bar play station. That area has been coned and taped off. The claim process has begun.

G. Transfer Resolution for 2013 & 2014 for payments to the ACO was reviewed.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Pearson, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve a transfer resolution in the amount of \$495. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith and Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried

H. The governing body reviewed a letter from Girl Scout Emily Brothman explaining that she is working on her Silver Award Project which will focus on providing a place for the public to dispose of American Flags which are in need of retirement. These flags will be handled and retired in accordance with protocols from the National Flag Foundation. Emily requested to place a bin in the Borough Hall and if she could use the Andover Borough Park when she is ready to hold a public ceremony. The governing body approved this request.

I. The Council reviewed the estimate provided by General Code to codify the ordinances.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Delfing to approved the estimate in the amount between \$4800 - \$5900. . Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith and Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried

J. The Council discussed the committee openings for Mr. Figueiredo.

A MOTION was made by Mrs. Delfing, seconded by Mr. Dennison to update the 2015 Rules of Order to include Mr. Figueiredo on the the Celebrations, Public Safety and Parks and Playgrounds Committees. . Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, Danielson, Figueiredo, Pearson, Smith and Delfing. NAYS: None. Motion carried

A MOTION to adjourn was made by Mrs. Delfing , seconded by Mr. Dennison. Upon roll call the following vote was cast: AYES: All in favor. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Beth Brothman, RMC