

A REGULAR / WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024 AT THE BOROUGH HALL BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Morgan,
Council Members: Dennison, Smith, DiRenzo, Lane, Mallon (7:05 p.m.) and Webb

ABSENT: None.

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 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

The Mayor and Council reviewed material prepared for this evening to discuss the 2024 salary ordinance. The increase presented was 2.5%. After some discussion the Council requested a breakdown of job/salary information reflecting the increase. There was no action taken on either the salary or CAP Bank ordinances provided.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Ordinance # 2024-02 – Water Rate – Fee Ordinance Amendment Review

The Council reviewed the draft provided. The suggestion was made to remove the partial sentence “by no more than four percent above the most recently established fees.”

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Lane to approve the introduction and publication of “**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 66-1, ENTITLED “FEES”, OF CHAPTER 66, ENTITLED “FEES”, AS TO “CHAPTER 130, WATER”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**” with change. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, DiRenzo, Smith, Lane, Mallon, Webb. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE #2024-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 66-1, ENTITLED “FEES”, OF CHAPTER 66, ENTITLED “FEES”, AS TO “CHAPTER 130, WATER”, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF ANDOVER, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Andover in the County of Sussex, as follows:

SECTION 1. The portion of Section 66-1, entitled “Fees” of Chapter 66, entitled “Fees” pertaining to “Chapter 130, Water”, which reads as follows:

Notwithstanding any inconsistent terms in this chapter, water rental fees for residential and nonresidential users shall be subject to an annual increase based on the consumer price index (CPI) using 2011 as the base year. The fee shall be rounded to the nearest \$5 increment.

IS HEREBY REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

Notwithstanding any inconsistent terms in this chapter, water rental fees may be increased once each calendar year by resolution of the Governing Body.

SECTION 2. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed as to such inconsistencies.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication according to law.

Ordinance #2024-03 – Lead Paint Inspection - New Chapter 88 – review

The Council reviewed the draft provided. There were concerns regarding the wording of the ordinance and its reference to “Contractors” mentioned as persons able to perform the inspection. The Municipal Clerk will discuss the concern with the board attorney. The matter was tabled. There was no action taken on this ordinance.

Ordinance #2024-04 – Lead Paint Inspection – Fee Ordinance Amendment Review

As this ordinance accompanies ordinance 2024-03, the matter was tabled. The matter was tabled. There was no action taken on this ordinance.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Lane to pass the following Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body to approve the payment of all vouchers on the bill listed February 22, 2024, submitted by the Chief Financial Officer for payment. Upon roll call the following votes were cast: AYES: Dennison, DiRenzo, Smith, Lane, Mallon, Webb. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: None. Motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

A MOTION was made by Mr. Dennison, seconded by Mr. Lane to adjourn the meeting. AYES: All in favor. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Beth Brothman
Municipal Clerk