

**BOROUGH OF MEDFORD LAKES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
BUDGET WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 17, 2005**

The special meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Medford Lakes, New Jersey, was held on the above date in the second floor meeting room of the Medford Lakes Firehouse beginning at 5:30pm. Mayor Wasson presided. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Wasson read the Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. This is to announce that adequate notice in the form of Notice of Meetings was (1) posted on the Administration Building bulletin board, (2) mailed to The Central Record, Medford, NJ, (3) mailed to the Burlington County Times, Willingboro, NJ, and (4) filed with the Municipal Clerk. Advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to all persons who requested such notice according to the Clerk of the Municipality.

Answering Roll Call for Borough Council were Mayor Dave Wasson, Councilman Timothy Casey and Councilman Gary Woodend. Also present were Finance Officer Donna Condo, Deputy Clerk Mark McIntosh, Public Works Superintendent Pat McCorrison, Wastewater Superintendent Paul Hayden and Police Chief Frank Martine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Police Department – Police Chief Martine represented his department and provided an overview of his 2005 Budget request. He reported on Salary (s), Operating Expenses, Upgrades to the New World System, Upgrades to radar units and a computer for the Detective Division. Chief Martine stated he was able to lower wages and operating expenses. He would be looking to replace a patrol car next year.

Public Works Department- Superintendent McCorrison represented his department and provided an overview of his 2005 Budget request. He had not received a breakdown of his 2004 expenses, Councilman Casey requested CFO Condo to get this to all departments when she begins working. Council asked Pat about the cost of current cell phones and requested CFO Condo to look into merging cell phone and communications package into one vendor. Pat stated he would keep pager system for the bulk of his employees. Pat explained that Salt and Sand expenses are up and Medford had gone to an all salt program. Pat requested funding for an additional leaf machine to replace one lost in the flood, requested a replacement arm for the donated Medford “one armed bandit” along with a paint job. Council requested Pat to investigate costs on rehab of the “Brush Truck” with minimum one-year warranty and also to provide Council with a breakdown of the total costs associated with doing leaf pick up in the Borough. Pat further requested funding for a mechanic and resolve to the Fletcher Work-mans Comp. Plan.

Wastewater Department- Superintendent Hayden represented his department and provided an overview of his 2005 Budget request. Paul requested an above ground methanol tank to replace the current 55 gallon drums. The tank would hold 1,000 gallons, be fire safe and constructed of concrete. Councilman Woodend asked if the tank could be an underground tank and Paul stated that he would talk to Alaimo reps. about this. Paul displayed a Sewer Vac Truck that could be purchased on State Contract to replace the current Vector and he also requested the replacement of the Sewer Department Van, which was destroyed in the flood. The van carried traffic safety equipment, the camera unit for pipe evaluations and the confined space rescue equipment along with some other items. In closing Paul explained to Council the prospect of adding a municipal radio repeater

to the Cell Tower which would allow for unimpeded communications amongst all departments as well as long range communications with employees doing Borough business outside of the Boroughs boundaries. The cost involved would be \$12,000 and approx. \$500. for any radios needed by PW or WW.

Fire Department- Chief McIntosh represented his department and provided an overview of his 2005 Budget request. Chief McIntosh explained that the bulk of the Fire budget was for maintenance of equipment, vehicles and training of personnel. The costs of pagers, turnout gear and mandatory certifications of hose, ladders, pumps, etc. had all gone up a little bit. Chief Mark had requested the two marine units get overhauled this year with rust removal, repairs to metal hull, painting and tarps or other type cover to prevent future maintenance costs. He also requested the Borough to invest in a photo identification machine that would be used by all borough employees for Work Id's. The current cost of the id's are approx. \$25. Per ID and the Police pay \$14. Per card. The long-range savings would justify the purchase now said Chief McIntosh. Chief McIntosh also presented a request to replace the 30year old Special Ops truck on Capital for approx. \$100,000 dollars. The replacement vehicle would be designed as a service vehicle to meet the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) requirements which would potentially drop the Borough's current rating from a 6/9 to a 5/9 which in turn would likely lower fire insurance for property owners. The Chief also requested a replacement command vehicle for the loss of the Chiefs command vehicle in the flood and the current car has 105,000 miles and numerous electrical issues.

ADJOURNEMENT

Mayor Wasson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Casey, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE TO ADJOURN

Ayes: Wasson, Casey, Woodend

Nays: None

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Mark J. McIntosh
Deputy Clerk

