

BUDGET MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2000

Mayor Ganz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Assistant Municipal Clerk Dugan read the statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENT: Mayor Ganz, Deputy Mayor Adler, Councilmembers Amato, Dobrow and Etlar.

Also present: Manager Sacks, Assistant Municipal Clerk Dugan, Attorney Lustgarten and Chief Financial Officer Eccleston.

Parks and Recreation - Superintendent Frey was present, his capital requests were discussed.

Playground Equipment - no changes were made.

Tennis Court Rehab - Superintendent Frey explained the conditions at the various courts and it was decided to redo the courts at Memorial. The consensus was to fast track the rehabilitation of that court.

Memorial & Walsh Pool (FEMA Funding) - Mayor Ganz wondered what the figures would be if the Council made the decision to close Walsh Pool. Superintendent Frey will get the figures to the Council.

Superintendent Frey explained that the type of sand being replaced at Memorial Pool should be comparable to the ocean sand. Mayor Ganz asked Superintendent Frey to get the numbers for the total yardage of sand needed at Memorial Pool. He was also asked to get a solid number if the Borough graded the sand.

Mayor Ganz asked Superintendent Frey if Walsh Pool should be kept open or close it. Superintendent Frey explained the attendance figures for the last few years and feels that it should be closed. Mayor Ganz said that the Borough of North Haledon might be interested in using Walsh Pool again. The Council was unanimous in allowing North Haledon to use Walsh Pool.

Manager Sacks stated the Borough of Elmwood Park has expressed interest in using the Borough's pools. Mayor Ganz wondered if the Council would be in favor of allowing other towns to use Memorial Pool. Superintendent Frey stated that the attendance was down at the pools but felt the residents did not want non-residents using the pool. Deputy Mayor Adler suggested having a town to town arrangement.

Attorney Lustgarten wondered if the Community School was still planning on using Walsh Pool. The consensus was to allow the Community School to use a roped off area at Memorial Pool, if Walsh Pool were to be closed.

The consensus was to have Manager Sacks inquire of North Haledon to see if their need to use Walsh Pool has been resolved.

The consensus was to have Manager Sacks speak to the Administrator in Elmwood Park to discuss the possibility of their residents using Memorial Pool.

The closing of Walsh Pool was discussed. Attorney Lustgarten thought there would be a safety issue if the pool were to be closed and suggested fencing it off. Mayor Ganz announced the Council should hold hearings about closing Walsh Pool.

The consensus was unanimous to fast track the rehab of the Tennis Court at Memorial and replacing the sand at Memorial Pool and to hold a Special Meeting on March 14, 2000 to go out to bond for 1.3 million dollars for these projects. The Bond Ordinance is to cover all anticipated costs at Memorial Pool. No decision was made on Walsh Pool.

Superintendent Frey spoke about the cost of the trailers. There will be five trailers at a cost of \$300,000. The consensus

was to buy the units off the rack as opposed to having them custom built with Deputy Mayor Adler and Councilmember Dobrow dissenting.

Attorney Lustgarten stated there has to be a statement made to let the residents know that a determination has not been made on Walsh Pool. The consensus was to read a statement at a meeting and to post the statement on the Website and Cable Channel.

Portable toilets, Councilmember Etler suggested using them but the remaining Councilmember's disagreed.

The consensus was to start with the holding tank system in the trailers.

Councilmember Dobrow asked Superintendent Frey to get specifications and the cost for a fountain at Walsh Pool.

Library - Library Director Murphy was present.

Director Murphy informed the Council the income from the building blocks was \$4,000.00.

Heat, Light, Power - Mayor Ganz suggested this the line item be reduced by 5%. CFO Eccleston indicated it does not count for the Library. However, the consensus was that the 5% cut does not apply to the Library Building.

The consensus was to approve the budget as submitted.

Director Murphy informed the Council that the Library will have to close for three to five days for asbestos removal at the end of August.

Fire Department - Fire Chief Tyminski was present. The Department's capital requests were discussed.

Fire Apparatus Engine - Fireman Osback gave a presentation for a replacement truck. The consensus was to commit to a new fire truck in the amount of \$470,000.00.

NEFER - Chief Tyminski spoke about the program and that the department will need Microsoft and Internet access. The consensus was unanimous to get the Microsoft and Internet access.

Computer Aided Dispatch System - It was unanimously agreed to defer consideration on this matter until the Department makes a presentation.

Portable Radios - Chief Tyminski explained the radios are old and are in need of being replaced. The unanimous consensus was to purchase six Motorola radios.

Manager Sacks left at 12:35 p.m.

Alert Monitor Receivers - The consensus was to phase in thirty receivers per year over a four year period. Attorney Lustgarten indicated that the receivers have to be compatible with the receivers they now have to be phased in properly. He suggested the bid specs be written around Motorola or equivalent. A unanimous consensus was taken with Mayor Ganz recusing himself.

New Chief's Vehicle - It was unanimously agreed to postpone until next year.

MSA Air Bottles - It was unanimously agreed to postpone until next year.

Addition to Company #2 Building - Chief Tyminski explained the need to have the addition put on the Company #2 building. Mayor Ganz stated he would like Manager Sack's input. This item was deferred until hearing from Manager Sacks.

Chairs for Council Chambers - There was a unanimous consensus to purchase the chairs.

ADJOURNMENT - Upon motion of Deputy Mayor Adler and a second by Councilmember Etlar the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn B. Dugan, RMC
Assistant Municipal Clerk