

BUDGET MEETING, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

The Preliminary Budget Meeting of the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 5:30 P.M. at the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority Building, 401 W. Landing Road, Blackwood, New Jersey.

The following members were present: Mr. Calabrese, Mr. Pillo, Mr. Schmidt, Mrs. Bradley and Mr. Dintino.

Also present were: Mr. Christopher Long, Mr. Leisse, Mr. Brickley, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Carr, Mr. Engelbert and Mrs. Hrynio.

Mr. Mercado and Mr. Cardis were also present.

Ms. Smith was excused due to illness.

The Chairman read the commencement statement noting that the meeting was advertised in the Courier Post and The Central Record. Notice was placed on the bulletin boards of the Township of Gloucester and the Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority.

Chairman Calabrese stated that no action would be taken at this meeting.

Chairman Calabrese stated that we would begin with reviewing the Proposed 2022-2023 Sewer Operating Budget and Supporting Revenue.

Mr. Applegate stated that the Operating Budget is up \$53,553 from last year largely due to salaries & wages and fringe benefits. This amount represents a 1.06% increase.

We have kept the revenues the same: \$100,000 Connection Fees, \$173,500 Miscellaneous Revenues and \$17,000 Interest on Investments. The service fees will make up the difference to balance the budget - \$4,829,923.

The 2001 Wastewater Trust Loan has reached its maturity and is paid off. The 2004 Wastewater Trust Loan will be paid off in 2024.

The current rate structure will support this budget.

When we discuss the Capital Budget in the next meeting, we will also discuss finance options for bigger projects.

Chairman Calabrese asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Chairman Calabrese stated that we would begin with reviewing the Proposed 2022-2023 Solid Waste Budget and Supporting Revenue.

Mr. Applegate stated that the Solid Waste Spreadsheets are being modified to trim some line items at the Township of Gloucester's request. Once all changes have been made – the revised budgets will be distributed to the Board for their review.

The revenue side will stay the same. Tipping fees remain at \$165,000 and compost sales at \$150,000, as the product sells out every year at the current rates.

Mr. Applegate added that there were a few new line items in the budget. Mr. Engelbert stated that the Fleetmind Yearly Fees and Cart Program are to replace the AMCS Program – which was a failure since we started the Single Stream Recycling Program. We are testing the Fleetmind Program with four (4) grass trucks.

Mr. Applegate stated that the final Pension and Insurance numbers have not been received at this point. The Sewer Budget may have to be modified. The Solid Waste Budget will be modified.

Chairman Calabrese asked if anyone had any questions or comments. There were none.

PUBLIC PORTION

There was no one present.

Chairman asked for motion for adjournment.

On motion of Mr. Pillo, second by Mr. Schmidt the meeting adjourned.

All signified their approval by stating aye.



Marlene Hrynio, Recording Secretary

APPROVED DECEMBER 16, 2021 REGULAR MEETING