



FINANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 12, 2024 - 10:00 AM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

Councilwoman Hartshorn Hilton
Councilman Brown- Absent
Councilwoman Greenberg- Absent
Julie Doran, Village Administrator
Peter Travers, Deputy Administrator
Ellen Malgieri, Tax Assessor
Irma Weir, Tax Collector
Chris Battaglia, Village CFO
Greg Bock, Village Treasurer
Howard Levison, Water Administrator- Absent
Joycelyn E. White, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

October 24, 2024

The October 24, 2024 meeting minutes will be approved at the next committee meeting.

Public Comments

The Chair opens the meeting for public comment.

There were no public comments.

New Business

Mr. Battaglia discussed budget transfers and detailed various budget lines.

Ms. Doran discussed the 2025 Village Council budget presentation schedule.

Old Business

Water Utility-Proposed Sale



The committee discussed transfers and budget projections for the water utility, including potential rate increases or decreases. The closing date of the sale of the water utility will determine budgeting and revenue projections. Delinquent amounts will need to be sorted out and collected before the sale goes through. The rate stabilization part of the proposal allows for the adoption of a different rate before closing. The committee will continue to monitor and stay updated on water rates.

2024 Budget- Status Update

The committee removed this item for discussion.

Pilot Revenue

Ms. Weir discussed the pilot report and followed up with Seton Hall University regarding outstanding payment.

Department Updates

- **Finance Department**
- **Water Department**
- **Tax Collector**
- **Tax Assessor/QPA**

Finance Department

The finance department is working on year-end reconciliation and data integrity in GovPilot.

Water Administration

Due to the absence of Mr. Levison, there was no report.

Tax Collector

Ms. Weir discussed the year-end process and collection rate.

Tax Assessor/ QPA

Ms. Malgieri discussed an expected tax appeals next year due to higher tax rates and the status of a ratio case filed with the state.

Public Comments



The Chair opens the meeting for public comment.

Ed Moore, South Orange Resident, asked the committee about the Seton Hall/South Orange Village Police collaboration and parking authority presentation.

In response to Ms. Doran stated that Administration has scheduled a meeting with the parking authority to provide an overview of their roles and responsibilities and their budget. Furthermore, Ms. Doran explained that South Orange Parking Authority is a separate entity, but the village owns the vehicles and maintains the maintenance schedule. In response to the Seton Hall/South Orange Village Police collaboration, Ms. Doran explained that this collaboration with the crisis intervention social worker will be on a situational basis.

Next Meeting Date

February 27, 2024; 10am

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Joycelyn White, Recording Secretary