



FINANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 28, 2025 - 1:00 PM
Virtual Webex Meeting

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Also in Attendance

Peter Traver, Deputy Administrator

Approval of Minutes

October 24, 2024

December 12, 2024

The committee approved the meeting minutes for October 24, 2024 and Decemeber 12, 2024 by all members present.

Public Comment

The Chair opens the meeting for public comment.

There were no public comments.

New Business

FY'25 Operating and Capital Budget

Ms. Doran detailed the progress of the 2025 budget; the Village Council has reviewed the department budget request. The budget will be introduced on March 10th and adoption on March 14th. The committee discussed the increased tax rate. Mr. Battaglia shared an overview of the budget and discussed substantial items that have increased.



Old Business

Open Space Trust Fund

Mr. Travers discussed recreation initiatives moving forward with regard to the referendum. Major initiatives include improvements to grove park, duck pond rehabilitation, and storm water/sanitary infrastructure additions. Mr. Battaglia proposed possibly using the fund to pay down debt.

Water Discussion

The water rate will remain the same for the coming year with no increases or capital projects.

Department Updates

- **Finance**
- **Tax Department**
- **Tax Assessor**
- **Water Admin**

Finance

Mr. Battaglia stated that the auditors will be in the office next week and the annual debt statement is posted on the village website.

Tax Department

Mrs. Weir discussed the following:

- Hire additional part-time staff
- File tax appeals by April 1st
- Update the application process for property tax relief programs to include senior freeze, anchor, and NJ programs in one application.
- sewer bill will be mailed out on Tuesday and is due March 10th.

Tax Assessor — No Report

Water Department — No Report.

Public Comments

The Chair opens the meeting for public comment.

Hannah Zollman, asked how the money is invested ?
Mr. Battaglia

Next Meeting Date

May 29, 2025; 10am



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21pm
Respectively submitted,
Joycelyn E. White.