

**OLD BRIDGE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MARCH 16, 2020**

Call to Order: The Budget Workshop was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chairman Frank Weber with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcement: Chairman Weber announced that this meeting is being held in conformance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notice has been given to the newspapers and notice of the meeting has been posted in public places.

Roll Call: Present:
Frank Weber, Chairman
Anita Greenberg, Treasurer
John E. Murphy III, Secretary
Bruce Walker, Commissioner

Absent:
Arthur Carullo, Commissioner
Thomas Galante, Vice Chairman

Also Present:
Guy Donatelli, Executive Director
Michelle Smith, Comptroller
Michael Roy, P.E.
Mitchell B. Jacobs, Esq.

Purpose of Budget Workshop: Chairman Weber said this Budget Workshop is being called to discuss the OBMUA Fiscal Year Budget for the Year Ending May 31, 2021.

Chairman Weber said this Budget Workshop is open to the public, however, there shall be no public participation.

Executive Director: Mr. Donatelli said the Budget this year reflects an increase of \$57,125 over our current year Budget which is 0.2% increase in expenses.

Mr. Donatelli said it also proposes using \$1,480,884 of Unrestricted Net Assets in the Water Division, and \$0 of Unrestricted Net Assets in the Sewer Division.

Mr. Donatelli said we continue to include a 20% reduction in base water and sewer charges for our senior citizens and disabled families that meet the criteria.

Mr. Donatelli said this year's Budget is being presented as a balanced budget, without having to raise rates to our customers at this time.

Chairman Weber asked how many rate payers are in the system between Commercial and Residential?

Mrs. Smith said about 20,000 customers.

Chairman Weber said at the worst-case scenario there is \$57,000 divided by 20,000 customers which is \$2.85 a year. He said that is fine.

Mr. Donatelli said part of that was anticipated increases in our commodities.

Mr. Donatelli said the Budget is ready for your approval unless you have comments. He said if you are ok with the Budget during the Regular Meeting, Michelle Smith will have the Budget Resolutions for all the Commissioners to sign. Mr. Donatelli said we have to submit the Budget to the State by April 1, 2020.

Chairman Weber asked if any of the Commissioners had any comments on the proposed Budget?

Dr. Greenberg said no after reading it, everything was fine.

There were no other comments.

Attorney Jacobs asked Michelle Smith if she had anything she wanted to add or point out?

Mrs. Smith said the Summary Sheets attached to her memo show the increases and decreases. She said if there are any questions on why anything went up or down, she will address them. Mrs. Smith said there really weren't many increases as Guy Donatelli said there is a 0.2% increase in operating expenses. She said there is nothing that stands out as a big increase or decrease.

Chairman Weber said I know that we are contemplating buying an expensive piece of equipment, will that be in this Budget?

Mr. Donatelli said it is included in this Budget.

Chairman Weber said then that is not an issue.

Attorney Jacobs asked if everyone has had a chance to review the materials in the binder?

Chairman Weber asked if anyone has any questions?

There were no questions.

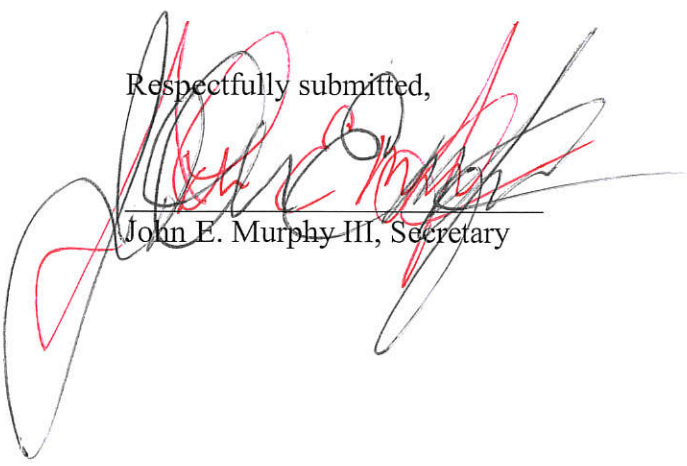
Chairman Weber asked for a motion to adjourn the Budget Workshop.

A motion to adjourn the Budget Workshop was made by Dr. Greenberg and seconded by Mr. Murphy.

All Commissioners were in favor.

The Budget Workshop was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



John E. Murphy III, Secretary