

**BUDGET MEETING
JANUARY 31, 2018**

A budget meeting of the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Oxford was held on January 31, 2018 in the Township Municipal Building, at 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey.

In attendance were Robert Nyland, Bill Ryan, Anthony Ardito and Sheila L. Oberly.

The flag salute was recited.

Mayor Nyland called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

The Committee and Mr. Ardito discussed the 2018 budget. Mr. Ardito stated that the budget looks good, fairly straightforward. Mr. Ardito stated that in five years, the Township could be debt-free.

The Tax Collection rate for 2017 - 95.0%

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes-\$353,552

2018 Police Services-\$603,060

PRMUA Bill-\$886,231

2017 Surplus-\$258,000

Mr. Ryan asked to take \$30,000.00 out of the Sewer Budget Surplus and add to the Operating Budget in order to keep taxes flat for 2018.

Mr. Ardito stated that he will e-mail the spreadsheet to the Committee for approval after corrections and additions were made from this meeting.

Public Comment:

Peggy Hissim handed out paperwork asking to buy a Demo-Braun ambulance for \$184,000 from First Priority Global, Ltd. She is asking for \$18,000 down and for the Township to finance \$165,626.00 for five, six or seven years with a finance fee from 3.79% to 3.89%. Miss Hissim stated that First Priority Global has to know if Oxford is interested in purchasing this ambulance by February 12th.

Mr. Ryan stated that the interest rates are too high and possibly banks would have a lower interest rate, the Township could bond the ambulance or do a Capital Ordinance for the purchase.

Mr. Ryan will research all the options available at the lowest cost to the Township.

Brian Quigley asked to have \$6,000.00 put into the 2018 Budget to pay for PEOSH equipment for the Oxford Fire Department.

Mr. Quigley stated that the department needs a new tanker. A Tanker/ Attack Truck costs between \$450,000.00 and \$750,000.00. He said that it takes approximately two years to locate one and payments would not start until 2020. He is hoping to find a Demo which would cost between \$350,000.00 to \$550,000.00.

Mr. Quigley said that he does not want to ask White Township for a donation for the truck because he is hoping that White Township will donate money to fix up the kitchen at the firehouse which costs \$300,000.00.

End of Public Comment.

On motion by Mayor Nyland, seconded by Mr. Ryan and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 PM.

Sheila L. Oberly, RMC