

**BUDGET MEETING
MARCH 04, 2020**

A Budget Meeting of the Township Committee of Oxford Township was held on March 4, 2020 in the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey.

In attendance were, Robert Nyland, Gerald Norton, Georgette Miller, Committee, and Sheila L. Oberly, Municipal Clerk. Matt Hall, Administrator and Natasha Turban, CFO also attended.

The flag salute was recited.

Mayor Nyland called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Ms. Turban stated that the 2020 budget was prepared with \$250,000 taken out of surplus and with a calculation of a 2% increase in salaries.

Ms. Turban stated that Oxford Township could apply for transitional aid through the State of New Jersey. This aid is available on a three-year cycle, and the State wants Townships off within three years, or can be sooner.

Mr. Norton stated that the solar bids were opened yesterday and should see revenue in the third year from Solar.

Ms. Turban will get more information on transitional Aid and what the percentage will be to raise property taxes.

Matt Hall will start working on the Transitional Aid application.

The Committee reviewed the 2019 Appropriations and Revenue.

- 2019 Streets and Roads spent \$30,000.00, 2020 Budgeted \$40,000.00.
- 2020 added \$100,000.00 to Capital Improvement Fund
- \$200,000.00 Debt in Budget

Ms. Turban said to introduce the budget at the March 18th Township Meeting and adjust any figures at the Second Reading (Adoption) of the 2020 Budget at the April 15th Township Meeting.

Matt Hall stated Oxford collects 1000 tons of garbage a year and the Township should receive \$175,000.00 in revenue, which \$100,000.00 is delinquent. He suggested to raise the garbage fees from \$200.00 per year to \$250.00 per year. He stated that would give the Township an extra \$50,000.00 in Revenue.

Mayor Nyland asked Matt Hall to check with Mr. Lavery, Township Attorney about raising garbage fees.

Mayor Nyland stated that Oxford Volunteer Fire Department is give a report to the Committee, of monies made from the Social Club by next Township Meeting on March 18th.

Mike Mack, Oxford fire Chief stated that this year, 2020 is the 75th Anniversary of the oxford Fire Department. Mayor Nyland suggested to hold a town-wide yard sale on the OVFD property to raise money.

Mayor Nyland and Mike Mack will meet to think of ideas for fundraisers.

Mayor Nyland said that the Township will help the Fire Department anyway that they can.

The Committee agreed that March 18th will introduce the 2020 Budget and authorized Matt Hall to check about Transitional Aid and to set up a date to go to Trenton.

On motion by Mayor Nyland, seconded by Mr. Norton and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adjourn the budget meeting at 6:55 PM.

Sheila L. Oberly, RMC