

April 10, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of Avalon was held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 4:40 p.m. in the Meeting Room, 3100 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey.

Attendance: Public - - - - - 3 Reporters - - - - - 0

The meeting was called to order by Council President Deever.

<u>Roll call:</u>	Council President Deever	Present
	Council Vice President Covington	Present
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Present
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Present
	Councilman McCorristin	Present

Also Present:

Scott Wahl, Business Administrator
James Waldron, Assistant Business Administrator
Nicole Curio, Esquire, Borough Solicitor
Steve Camp, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utilities
John Roscoe, Police Captain
Paul E. Short, Sr., Code Enforcement Officer
Thomas R. Thornton, P.E., Borough Engineer, Mott Macdonald
James Craft, CFO
Michael Garcia, Ford Scott & Associates, LLC

Council President Deever read the Open Public Meetings Act Announcement.

Notice of this Regular Meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings dated June 27, 2018. It was given to the news media and posted on the Official Bulletin Board as required by law.

Minutes:

Work Session, Agenda Session, Regular Meeting, Closed Session – March 27, 2019

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the minutes be approved as submitted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Public comments regarding Resolutions:

None.

<u>Resolution No.</u>	<u>76-2019:</u>	A RESOLUTION REGARDING 2019 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET READ BY TITLE ONLY AS PROVIDED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:4-8
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Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Council Vice President Covington, Michael Garcia, Auditor, Ford Scott & Associates, LLC and Councilwoman Hudanich gave a power point presentation and reviewed the 2019 Local Municipal Budget, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Councilwoman Hudanich concluded the presentation by stating this is a very fiscally sound budget that will maintain the Borough's AAA rating, and announced she has been making the budget presentation along with Council Vice President Covington as a financial team since 1991. She made note that Council Vice President Covington has been an integral part of the financial component of the Borough with his innovative thought process and his background in technology. She stated it has been a joy, a pleasure, and a wonderful experience working together that she will never forget, and was saddened that this would be the last presentation made by Council Vice President Covington in advance of his retirement from Council.

Council Vice President Covington mentioned the Borough has come a long way since the 1991 budget.

Councilwoman Hudanich agreed and listed a few "stellar moments" made during their journey as a financial team, such as the creative structure of the water and sewer rates and extracting the infrastructure charge from the water usage.

Council Vice President Covington expressed happiness at leaving the Borough of Avalon financially sound as he closes his career as a Council Member this year, and indicated this budget is one of the best that has been put together. Unlike some municipalities, the goal of the Borough of Avalon is to be debt free and he expressed his faith that the goal will be achieved.

Councilwoman Hudanich explained the Borough has been diligent in paying down payments of 15% or 20% when bonding large projects, and noted the money brought in by the revenue stream has been spent wisely, effectively and efficiently, however most importantly, the Borough is fortunate to have a strong Administrative Team that is proactive in applying for grants to get the State and Federal governments involved in projects throughout the Borough. As an example, when the CDF Road was built, the team worked diligently to keep what a large amount of Borough money was used to construct. Between the Administration and the foresight of the Mayor and Council, it has been a pleasure to work on such an arduous task as the budget.

Councilwoman Juzaitis commended the Financial Committee as well as the Administrative team for the hard work that went into compiling the budget and thanked them for all of their efforts.

Council President Deever noted it is often overlooked how hard the Financial team of Council Vice President Covington and Councilwoman Hudanich work to maintain the Borough's fiscal responsibility to the members of the public, and expressed appreciation for their diligence.

Councilman McCorristin commended the outstanding work done and thanked all involved in compiling the budget.

Public Hearing regarding the 2019 Local Municipal Budget:

Presiding Officer: The meeting is now open for public hearing on the 2019 Local Municipal Budget. Are there any questions or comments?

None.

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, seconded by Councilwoman Hudanich that the public hearing be closed.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

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Resolution No. 77-2019: A RESOLUTION REGARDING 2019 LOCAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET AS FINALLY ADOPTED

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council Vice President Covington that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 78-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON AND THE BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR FOR BACK-UP CONSTRUCTION OFFICIAL AND BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 79-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ABANDONED AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ON SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2019

Motion made by Council President Deever, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 80-2019: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLASS I AND CLASS II SPECIAL OFFICERS FOR THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

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Resolution No. 81-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL
RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT TO THE NEW
JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION FOR 2018

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council Vice President
Covington that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 82-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF
CERTAIN DEED RESTRICTIONS FOR THE
FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY: BLOCK 12.01
LOT 6 (26 E. 12TH STREET)

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Council Vice President
Covington that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Resolution No. 83-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF
BILLS

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, seconded by Councilwoman
Hudanich that the resolution be adopted.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 785-2019:

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Council President Deever that
Ordinance No. 785-2019 be brought on for first reading by title only.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 785-2019:

Ordinance No. 785-2019:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING VARIOUS PROVISIONS
OF THE AVALON BOROUGH CODE, 2013, TO WIT: CHAPTER 2
(ADMINISTRATION), CHAPTER 8 (TRAFFIC), AND CHAPTER 10 (LICENSES
AND PERMITS)

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Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Council President Deever that Ordinance No. 785-2019 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 786-2019:

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Council President Deever that Ordinance No. 786-2019 be brought on for first reading by title only.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 786-2019:

Ordinance No. 786-2019:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$2,089,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,671,200 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Council President Deever that Ordinance No. 786-2019 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 787-2019:

Motion made by Councilwoman Juzaitis, seconded by Council Vice President Covington that Ordinance No. 787-2019 be brought on for first reading by title only.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 787-2019:

Ordinance No. 787-2019:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2019 WATER AND SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON, IN THE COUNTY OF CAPE MAY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$2,482,500 THEREFOR FROM THE WATER AND SEWER UTILITY OF THE BOROUGH AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,358,375 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF

Motion made by Councilwoman Juzaitis, seconded by Council Vice President Covington that Ordinance No. 787-2019 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Introduction and first reading by title only of Ordinance No. 788-2019:

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that Ordinance No. 788-2019 be brought on for first reading by title only.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 788-2019:

Ordinance No. 788-2019:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 8 (TRAFFIC) AND CHAPTER 20 (LICENSES AND PERMITS) OF THE AVALON BOROUGH CODE, 2013 CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Motion made by Council Vice President Covington, seconded by Councilman McCorristin that Ordinance No. 788-2019 be passed on first reading and advertised according to law.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Second reading, public hearing and final action on Ordinance No. 781-2018:

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that Ordinance No. 781-2018 be brought on for second reading, public hearing and final action.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Borough Clerk to read aloud Ordinance No. 781-2018:

Ordinance No. 781-2018 (as amended):

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 27 ENTITLED ZONING OF THE AVALON BOROUGH CODE TO CLARIFY AND REAFFIRM THAT THE SALE OF MARIJUANA IS A PROHIBITED USE WITHIN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE BOROUGH OF AVALON

Council President Deever opened the meeting for public hearing on Ordinance No. 781-2018 and asked if there were any questions or comments.

None.

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that the public hearing be closed.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Motion made by Councilwoman Hudanich, seconded by Councilwoman Juzaitis that Ordinance No. 781-2018 be finally adopted, submitted to the Mayor for approval and advertised according to law.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Reports of Officials:

Scott Wahl read the following report:

Street Grant: Since Council's last meeting, Avalon received a letter from the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation. The letter acknowledged that the Borough has received a state grant totaling \$150,000 for the reconstruction of one block of 68th Street between Dune and Ocean drives. There were 681 applications for grant funding this year; grants are supported by the State's gasoline tax. Since the late 90s, Avalon has secured \$2.7 million in grant funding for new streets in this program.

Townsend's Inlet Bridge: Courtesy of vast media coverage on this matter, most of us are aware that on Monday, April 8th, 46 days before Memorial Day weekend, the County issued a notice stating that the completion of the Townsend's Inlet Bridge is anticipated to be "late summer". It is our expectation that the bridge will remain closed through Labor Day weekend. Avalon and Sea Isle City are expected to receive an update within 30 days of a firmer completion schedule. There has been no communication to Avalon if further work that requires more closures will be needed in the fall.

Scott Wahl continued: Surfside Park: Another progress meeting will be held tomorrow morning in this room. There have been no substantive delays with this project and no safety concerns. Anyone who attends the Community Connections event this Saturday at AHLOA will see significant progress at the park site with playground equipment installed, structures being worked on. The landscaping and open field will be the last components of this project.

Dredging Project: Earlier this year Council authorized a dredging contract to Trident Marine to conduct a small mechanical dredging project to clear the navigation channel on the west side of 21st Street. That project should conclude by the weekend as the contractor has been on the job for several days. There have been no substantive issues relating to this project.

Backpassing Project: We have been largely blessed with favorable weather for the sand back passing project being conducted by the Avalon Department of Public Works. As of Tuesday, April 9th, the staff have moved a total of 19,438 cubic yards of sand during the project. The actual transporting of sand began one week ago today. At the beginning stages of any backpassing project, there is some sand loss until the new sand sticks to the beach and stays in place. We have seen less attrition to date due to relatively calm winds and weather conditions.

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Water Flushing Program: Middlesex Water Company has announced that the semiannual water main flushing program will begin on Monday, April 22nd. Residents who see temporary discolored water are simply asked to run it for a few minutes until it clears up; residents may also experience a temporary drop in water pressure that again should clear up within several minutes.

Public Comments:


Jim Lutz, 2539 Ocean Drive: expressed his disappointment with the turnout regarding the 2019 Municipal Budget. As a result, he spoke in support of live streaming Council meetings, where very valuable information would be disseminated and furthermore Avalon residents could become more involved in the community. He voiced his concerns regarding the construction of Townsend’s Inlet Bridge by urging Council to keep the pressure on the County as this is vital to all of the businesses in the community.

Motion made by Councilman McCorristin, seconded by Council Vice President Covington to adjourn the Regular Meeting.

<u>ROLL CALL VOTE:</u>	Council Vice President Covington	Aye
	Councilwoman Hudanich	Aye
	Councilwoman Juzaitis	Aye
	Councilman McCorristin	Aye
	Council President Deever	Aye

Regular Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


C. Danielle Nollett, Borough Clerk


James Deever, Council President



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Change over last year's budget appropriations	(\$263,707)
Breakdown:	
Salary and Wage Increase	\$21,571
Other Expense - Change:	
Surplus Transfer to W/S and Beach	(\$155,428)
Statutory Expenses – Pension	126,575
Library Appropriation	197,924
Change in Capital Improvement Fund	(450,000)
Change in Cash for Capital Projects	1,303,900
Change in Cash for Prior Capital Projects	(648,375)
Debt Service	(33,150)
Grants	(261,610)
General Government	(365,113)
	(\$285,277)
	(\$263,707)

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REAL SPENDING INCREASE

Change in Revenue/Budget Appropriation	(\$263,707)
Library Tax Levy Increase	(197,924)
Decrease in Grants with Offsetting Revenue/Approp.	261,610
Real Spending Increase	(\$200,021)
Salaries and Wages	\$21,571
Other Expenses (Not Broken Out Above)	(365,113)
Increase in Statutory Expenses - Pension/Misc	126,575
Decrease in Transfer Surplus fr. Cur. Fund to W/S Fund/Beach	(155,428)
Capital Net/Debt Service	172,375
	(\$200,021)

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Change in Revenue/Budget Appropriation	(\$263,707)
Library Tax Levy Increase	(197,924)
Decrease in Grants with Offsetting Revenue/Appropriations	261,610
Real Spending Increase	(\$200,021)
Revenues:	
Decrease in use of Surplus	(\$514,734)
Increase in Local Revenues/State Aid/Misc.	78,614
Increase in Transfer of Excess Library Surplus	32,681
Other Special Items	(46,582)
Change in Local Tax Levy	250,000
	(\$200,021)

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BUDGET CHANGES

TOTAL BUDGET 2019	\$	27,855,139
TOTAL BUDGET 2018	\$	28,118,846
INCREASE IN BUDGET	\$	(263,707)
BOROUGH TAX LEVY 2019	\$	18,000,000
BOROUGH TAX LEVY 2018	\$	17,750,000
INCREASE IN TAX LEVY	\$	250,000
BOROUGH TAX RATE 2019	19.9 CENTS	
BOROUGH TAX RATE 2018	19.9 CENTS	
NET VALUATION TAXABLE 2019	\$	9,057,051,800
NET VALUATION TAXABLE 2018	\$	8,933,783,700
INCREASE IN RATABLES (NET)	\$	123,268,100

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2% LEVY CAP CALCULATION

Prior Year Amount to be Raised by Taxation	17,750,000
Less: Deferred Charges	25,000
Net Prior Year Tax Levy for Local Purpose Tax for CAP Calculation	17,725,000
Plus 2% CAP Increase	354,500
Adjusted Tax Levy Prior to Exclusions	18,079,500
Exclusions:	
Debt Service/Capital Improvement Fund	853,900
Fund Capital Ordinances/Pension/Def. Charges	483,127
Total Exclusions	1,337,027
Less Cancelled or Unexpended Exclusions	1,731
Adjusted Tax Levy	19,414,796
Additions:	
New Ratables - New Construction	103,919.00
Prior Year's Tax Rate (Local)	0.199
	206,799.01
Prior Year CAP Banks	2,137,977
Maximum Allowable Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	21,759,572.65
Amount To Be Raised By Taxation - Budget Sheet 11 Under 2% Levy CAP With Banking	18,000,000
	3,759,572.65

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2019 BUDGET SURPLUS

Surplus Generated in 2018 \$3,923,222

STATUS OF SURPLUS

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2018	6,888,376
USED IN 2019 BUDGET	3,532,174
REMAINING SURPLUS	\$ 3,356,202

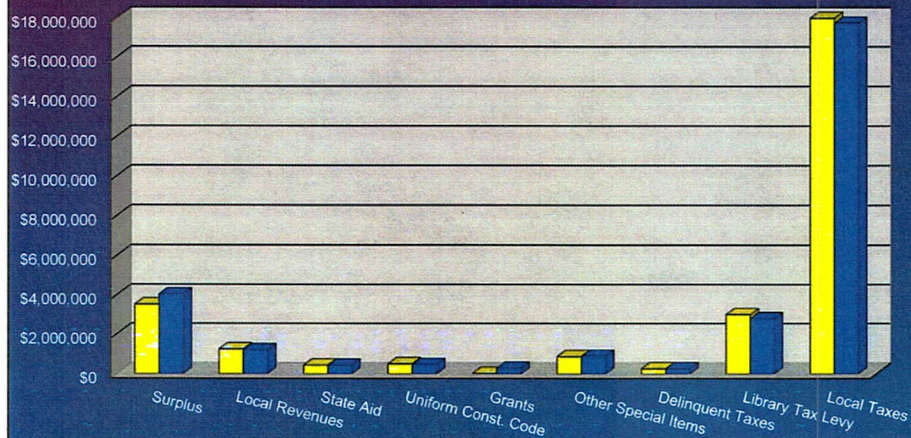
*HAVING RECURRING SURPLUS IS IMPORTANT IN MAINTAINING
FAVORABLE BOND RATING*

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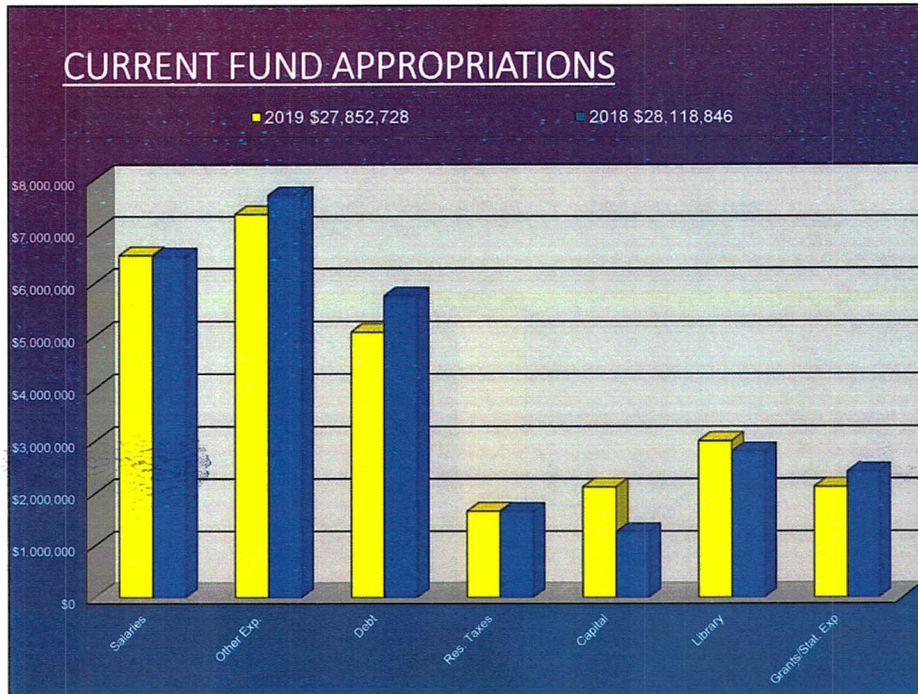
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■ 2019 \$27,852,728

■ 2018 \$28,118,846



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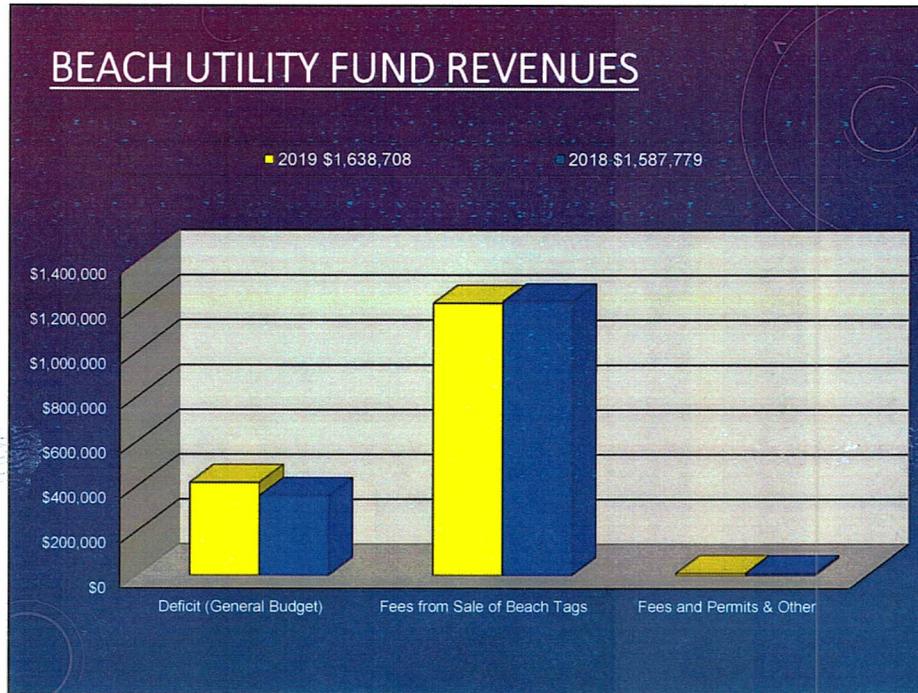
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2019 SOME OF THE MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

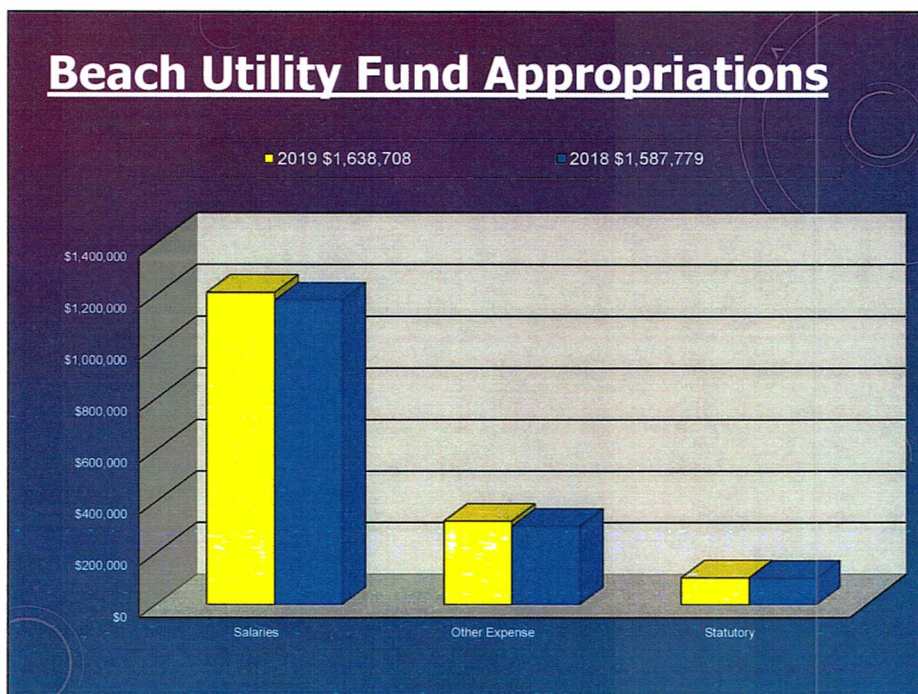
• Road Improvements Sunrise Drive/7 th and 68 th	\$1,014,000
• Pennsylvania Harbor Dredging	290,000*
• North End Drainage Improvements (Engineering)	265,000
• Borough Hall Roof Replacement	575,000
• Surfside Park (Additional Funding)	575,000*
• Fire Dept – SCBA (Respiratory System)	115,000*
• Improvements to Community Hall/Playground Improvements	61,100*
• Public Works Vehicles/Equipment	332,000*
• Public Works Improvements/Repairs Var Bldgs	146,000*
• Butterfly Garden	15,000*
• Police Department Equipment	46,500*
• Radar Speed Trailers	17,000*

* Denotes no debt will be issued/all others with 20% downpayment

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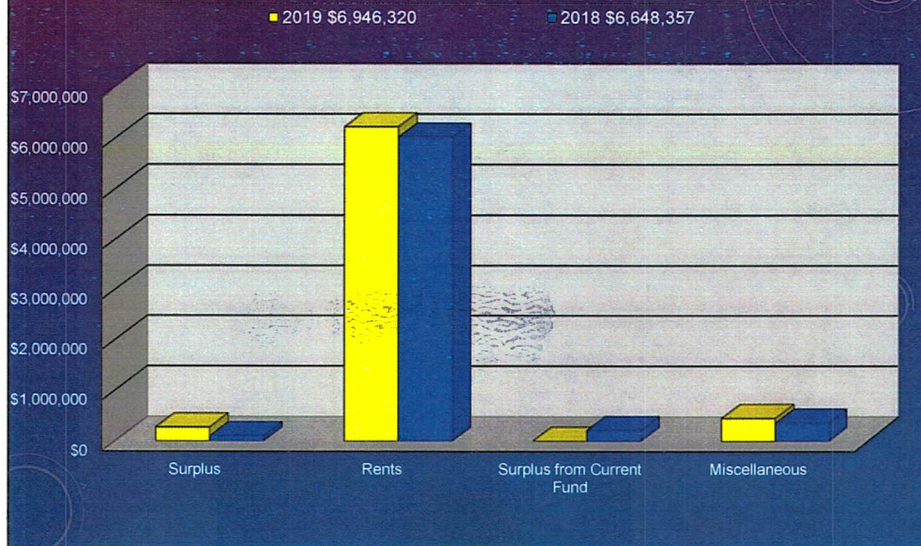


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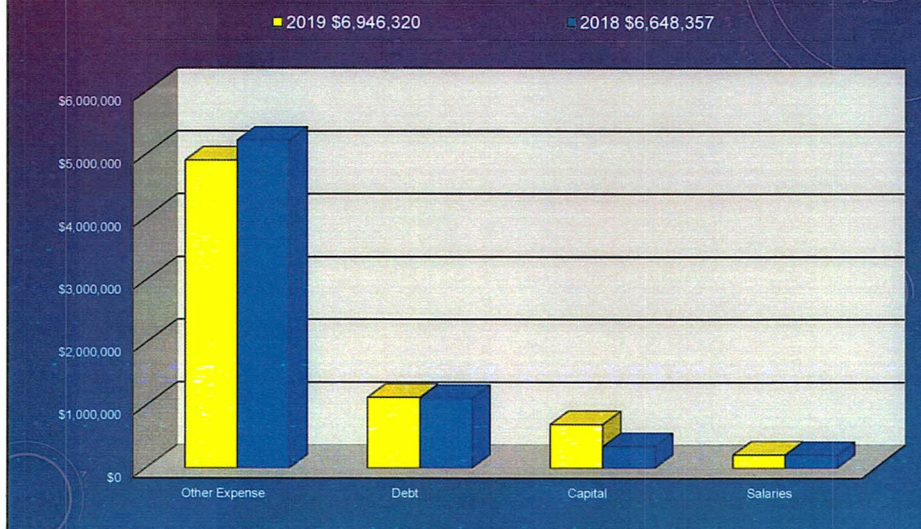
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Source of Water/Sewer Utility Fund Revenues



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Water/Sewer Utility Fund Appropriations



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CURRENT, WATER/SEWER AND BEACH FUND SERVICES PROVIDED

