

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
BUDGET MEETING – May 11, 2023**

Mayor Huelsebusch *calls the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**PRESENT:** Mayor J. Huelsebusch, Deputy Mayor A. Mueller, Mr. J. Albanese, Mr. J Heller, and Mr. V. Panico

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator R. Sheola, Chief Financial Officer T. Ferry and Municipal Clerk K. Parker

**ABSENT:** None

**2023 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Administrator Sheola and Chief Financial Officer Ferry presented to the Committee an amended budget to reflect a 0% local tax increase in the 2023 budget. Administrator Sheola highlighted the appropriations with the projected reductions and the reduction of the reserve fund for uncollected taxes. Chief Financial Officer Ferry and Administrator Sheola reviewed the impacts of the 2023 budget and also the long term effects of a reduced budget in 2023, recognizing the various significant fiscal impacts coming on line in 2024 and beyond.

Director of Public Safety James Curry joined the meeting to review the Police Department operating budget. Director Curry discussed various line items for possible reductions in the budget; however, stressed the ramifications of impacting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Director of Public Works Ron Christy joined the meeting to review the budget for the Department of Public Works to determine where cuts could be made and discussed the priority of his capital improvement list.

The Committee further reviewed each department's line items to assess where viable cuts could be made.

Chief Financial Officer discussed the current banking interest rates on investments and deposits that would potentially increase the revenue in the budget.

The Committee also discussed the need to work on the anticipated budgets for 2024 and 2025 along with capital improvement projects.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were none.

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made at 8:30 p.m. by Mr. Panico to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Mueller with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Submitted:

Karin M. Parker, *RMC*  
Municipal Clerk