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From: mvojnich@rochelleparknj.gov
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 12:30 PM
To: admin@rochelleparknj.gov; 'Liz Kroll'; 'Andrew Parente'; 'Roy Riggitano'
Subject: RE: 2020 Budget

Bob, Andrew and Roy,

Another thing to consider is our reserves for uncollected taxes. The economy will surely feel ripples from the coronavirus so we should expect some of our own residents to be effected as some lose hourly pay, are furloughed or laid off. We could be looking at months or over a year before we see a return to normal economic activity. We should assume delinquent taxes will rise this year so be sure to consider having increased reserves to get us through the year. Please discuss this prior to introduction of the 2020 budget. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: "mvojnich@rochelleparknj.gov" <mvojnich@rochelleparknj.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 3:26pm
To: admin@rochelleparknj.gov
Cc: "'Liz Kroll'" <clerk@rochelleparknj.gov>, "'Andrew Parente'" <aparente@lvhcpa.com>, "'Roy Riggitano'" <royfrank@aol.com>
Subject: RE: 2020 Budget

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From: Jason Brown <firechief@rochelleparknj.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 12:05 AM
To: admin@rochelleparknj.gov
Cc: 'Nicholas LiBassi'; 'Gail Artola'; mkazimir@rochelleparknj.gov; linda Boniface; mvojnich@rochelleparknj.gov; 'Liz Kroll'; Joe DeFalco
Subject: Re: 2020 Budget

Administrator Davidson,

This email is in response to your email dated 2/11/2020 as well as Mayor LiBassi's voicemail to me dated 2/27/2020 regarding the same topic.

As your email states, you have directed me, the Chief of the Rochelle Park Fire Department, to either invite all members of the township committee to the next Ex Chief/Inspection dinner or the Township Committee will not afford the Fire Department the money that has been appropriated in the past.

I have discussed this directive with my Board of Fire Officers and we have come to the with the following decision. Once again we will offer the olive branch whereas if Committeewoman Boniface publicly apologizes for her derogatory comments made towards the Fire Department at the next Township meeting. We will certainly invite all members of the Township Committee and we all can move forward.

I await your response.

Jason Brown
Fire Chief
Rochelle Park Fire Department
(201)615-2466

From: admin@rochelleparknj.gov
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 14:48
To: 'Jason Brown'
Cc: 'Nicholas LiBassi'; 'Gail Artola'; mkazimir@rochelleparknj.gov; linda Boniface; mvojnich@rochelleparknj.gov; 'Liz Kroll'
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

R. Davidson

From: admin@rochelleparknj.gov <admin@rochelleparknj.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 9:41 AM
To: 'Jason Brown' <firechief@rochelleparknj.gov>
Cc: 'Nicholas LiBassi' <nlibassi@rochelleparknj.gov>; 'Gail Artola' <gartola@rochelleparknj.gov>;
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Attachments: document.pdf

If Rochelle Park's budget is so tight that it needs to cut spending, why not charge for tickets to the annual beefsteak dinner and make it a fundraiser for the fire department? Towns all over this state charge anywhere from \$40 to \$60. See attached and below as an example. You could cut the cost of the dinner out of their budget and have the fire department use their social account to pay for it so they can collect all of the ticket sales to retain the profit.

<https://newprovfd.org/beefsteak-dinner-fundraiser/>
<https://dailyvoice.com/new-jersey/northernhighlands/police-fire/tickets-still-available-for-midland-park-fd-beefsteak-dinner/647962/>

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