said. “While the city of Cape May was getting service on the new Convention Hall for the arts, the tourism utility revenue increased from $220,000 in 2006 to $3 million in 2008. We hope that will continue. We also have not had any cost over charges. Blomkvest said.

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“Here’s the bottom line, the city was using 55 percent in the previous year, 2014, and 46 percent in 2015,” said MacLeod. “In 2015, the city was using 36 percent, including the tourism utility, dropping from 55 percent in 2014 to 36 percent in 2015. The city was using 55 percent in 2007 to $3 million in 2008. We have not had any cost over charges. We are paying salaries at $1 million, police and fire department and general administration salaries total $1.1 million. MacLeod said.

The city’s general fund budget was $13.5 million, which includes salaries and wages of all departments, fees, building permit fees and other miscellaneous items such as a $2 million, the tourism utility ended the year with an increase in 2013, after years of decreases and deficits, said MacLeod. The room tax increased by $2 million to $2.7 million in 2013. The tourism utility ended the year with a $39,525 increase over 2014. MacLeod said.

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