

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE BUDGET WORKSHOP- MARCH 8, 2008
9:30 AM MUNICIPAL BUILDING 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD, DELANCO NJ

ROLLCALL: Devinney, present; Fitzpatrick, present; Hinkle, present; Templeton, present; Ouellette, present

Also Present: Mr. Corcoran, Township Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk;

FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Ouellette led the flag salute.

SUNSHINE STATEMENT

Please be advised that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Sunshine Law in the following manner. Written notice has been mailed to the Burlington County Times and the Courier Post and written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Ms. Fitzpatrick asked the status of the letters going out to the businesses that are responsible for a fair-share payment for the Coopertown Sewer line installation. Mr. Templeton explained that the attorneys are working on the letters that will address each individual property. A discussion ensued. Mr. Templeton and Mr. Devinney will be meeting with the township's attorneys on Tuesday on the matter.

Mr. Corcoran reviewed and discussed some of the administrative options that are being explored in relation to the budget:

- Refinancing bonds
- One time per week trash collection
- OE budget line items back to the 2007 levels

Ms. Fitzpatrick recommended that the department heads be responsible for cutting their own OE budgets. Mr. Corcoran indicated that those line items under the cap regulation will need to be cut at least 15%.

The Township Committee agreed that department heads should manage the cuts in their own line items. Discussions continued including discussion of the following:

- Funding levels for the various organizations in town
- Shared service opportunities – renting or consolidating the court room/municipal courts
- Ways to conserve and save on municipal utilities and operations

Mr. Devinney offered to work on comparative charts to consolidate gas usage data.

Mayor Ouellette will send out a memo to the department heads regarding the 15% line item cuts.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of the open space trust fund for certain recreation costs. It was reported that there is approximately \$180,000 in the fund.

Mr. Templeton reviewed various 2007 cap waiver expenditures and suggested that there may be funds from last year that may not be needed in the 2008 budget.

The Municipal Clerk provided the Committee with copies of the Recreation Opens Space Ballot question, statute and the Recreation Development Fee ordinance.

A discussion ensued regarding requesting that the Fire Commissioners fund the \$10,500 that is budgeted for the Emergency Squad.

The Committee discussed inviting Assemblyman Herb Conaway to next week's (Saturday) budget meeting.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed commercial/residential trash collection ordinance.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

1. Marlene Jass of McCay Way asked if utility bills are separated for each facility.

Mr. Corcoran indicated that there is a separate bill for each township facility.

2. Frank Klare commented that previous Mayor Vittorino explained that the town has twice per week trash collection as the town does not allow garbage disposals.

Mrs. Hinkle asked the Committee to reconsider the sale of the lots at West Ave. The lots should be either sold or the contiguous property owners should buy them.

Mr. Klare asked the salvage value of the mansion.

Mr. Templeton explained that he had contacted two companies, but they would not give him any amounts.

Mr. Klare asked about the amount of accrued sick time and if the town can limit this.

Mrs. Lohr explained that unused sick time does carry over, but not all employees are compensated for unused sick time at separation.

Mrs. Jass asked what the cost of ordinances. Mrs. Lohr gave a brief explanation.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Since there were no further comments or questions from the public, Mayor Ouellette closed the meeting to the public.

Motion by Mrs. Hinkle, seconded Mr. Devinney to adjourn the meeting

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Hinkle, yes; Ms. Fitzpatrick, yes; Mr. Templeton, yes; Ouellette, yes

Janice M. Lohr, RMC
Municipal Clerk
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