

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 13, 2009

7:30 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD., DELANCO, NJ 08075

ROLL CALL: Devinney, present; Hinkle, present; Jass, present; Templeton, present; Fitzpatrick, present

Also Present: Mr. Schwab, Acting Twp. Administrator; Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk; Mr. Robert Stewart, Twp. Auditor

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SUNSHINE STATEMENT:

Please be advised that proper notice of this meeting has been given in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act in the following manner. Written notice has been mailed to the Burlington County Times and Courier Post and published in the January 5, 2009 editions. Written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2009-64

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NEW JERSEY LEGISLATIVE BILLS S-2503 AND A-2872

The Committee agreed to table the resolution to the April 20th meeting for further discussion regarding the requirements for certifications and licensing of tree workers.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mayor Fitzpatrick opened the meeting to the public.

MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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

2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PREPARATION WORKSHOP

The Township Committee met with Fire Commissioners William Trimble and Jon vanEmburch to discuss insurance coverage for the Delanco Emergency Squad. The Commissioners proposed that the Fire Commissioners will pay for the Squad's insurances in exchange that the township not charge the Squad, Fire Commission and Fire Department for that gas and diesel that they uses and that the Township plow the Fire House property as needed at no charge.

Mayor Fitzpatrick recommended that the Committee should also meet with representatives of the Emergency Squad before a decision on this matter is made by the Committee.

Mr. Schwab noted that the township has already paid the insurance premium to the Joint Insurance Fund for the year and that the township would not receive any discount or refund at this point.

Mr. Trimble and Mr. vanEmburch noted that the Commissioners have already provided \$10,500 and \$7,000 in its budget which has already been approved by the voters this year.

Mayor Fitzpatrick asked Mr. Trimble and Mr. vanEmburch to continue to make the \$10,500 contribution to the Squad this year.

Mr. Trimble noted that this will need to be decided by the full Commission.

Mr. Trimble and Mr. vanEmburch exited the meeting at this time.

The meeting continued with Mr. Schwab reviewing the proposed budget requests submitted by the various departments and boards.

Mr. Stewart reviewed the budget revenues and noted that available surplus as of 12/31/08 is \$1.4 million. Mr. Stewart expressed that he felt comfortable with using up to \$600,000 of surplus in the budget and that the current proposed budget uses \$500,000.

Mr. Stewart reviewed the capital funds available and how these funds may be used.

Mr. Schwab reviewed the following key budget issues:

- Sewerage Authority debt – Should the Committee pay one or two years of the principal in the budget (\$70,000 vs. \$140,000)?
- Tax Assessor's compensation adjustment request.
- Legal and Planning costs
- Codification
- Salaries
- Contractual obligation to pay retired employee's life insurance premium

The Committee reviewed each of the budget line items to identify areas where cuts could be made and discussed using \$50,000 additional from surplus.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Ed Devinney to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Devinney, yes; Hinkle, yes; Jass, yes; Templeton, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes

Janice M. Lohr, RMC
Municipal Clerk
4/13/2009