

**TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING – MAY 10, 2010**

7:30 PM MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 770 COOPERTOWN ROAD., DELANCO, NJ 08075  
**SPECIAL MEETING FOR DEFEATED SCHOOL BUDGET**

**ROLL CALL:** Hinkle, present; Jass, present; Lord, present; Templeton, present; Fitzpatrick, present

**Also Present:** Mrs. Lohr, Municipal Clerk

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Fitzpatrick led the flag salute.

**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 written notice has been posted on the official bulletin board of the Township of Delanco at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**2010-2011 DEFEATED SCHOOL BUDGET**

Mayor Fitzpatrick reviewed the findings and recommendations of the May 6<sup>th</sup> subcommittee meeting with the Delanco Board of Education Finance Committee, Walt Boyer, Supt. and Judith Jackson, SBA. Ms. Fitzpatrick indicated that, as recommended by the BOE Finance Committee, that the tuition account will be reduced by \$75,000 and that the Finance Committee has indicated that they will reduce debt service by \$25,000. Total reductions will be \$100,000.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed resolution certifying the tax levy for the 2010-2011 school budget.

Motion by Mrs. Hinkle, seconded by Mrs. Jass to adopt Resolution 2010-67.

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

**RESOLUTION 2010-67**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DELANCO CERTIFYING THE AMOUNT NECESSARY TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL BUDGET TO PROVIDE A THOROUGH AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF SCHOOLS IN THE LOCAL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Delanco Township School district submitted a budget to the voters of the Township of Delanco at the Annual School Election on April 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the voters of said Township School District have rejected said budget; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Township of Delanco pursuant to N.J.S.A.

18A:22-37 is required to determine the amount necessary to be appropriated to provide a thorough and efficient system of schools in the District; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco has conferred with the Delanco Township Board of Education to fulfill their function under the above statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Delanco, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Township Committee hereby determines the following amounts to be necessary to provide a thorough and efficient system of schools in

the Delanco Township School District for the 2010-2011 school year, amounts being based upon a determination that certain line items in the proposed school budget may be reduced or increased as set forth hereafter:

**GENERAL FUND**

- (A) Original Tax Levy on Ballot for Budget:  
\$5,495,737.00
  
- (B) Amount of Reduction to Tax Levy for Budget  
\$75,000
  
- (C) **Total Amount of Tax Levy Certified for Budget**  
\$5,420,737.00

2. The Township Committee of the Township of Delanco recommends and adopts as the supporting reasons for the actions of the Township Committee on the 2010-2011 budget of the Delanco Township School District as follows: (the original proposed budget is incorporated herein for reference fully). A.

1. Account Number 11-000-100-561 headed "Tuition to Other LEAs w/in State -Regular" is reduced by \$75,000  
Township Committee notes that this reduction is made in concurrence with representatives of the Delanco Board of Education and Delanco school district. This reduction will have no impact on the T&E education of Delanco students.

2.. The Township Committee in making these recommendations has carefully scrutinized the original proposed budget, documentation requested and supplied by the Board of Education, the testimony from the Board of Education and as made the determinations properly related to educational considerations. The Committee has made their recommendations with full regard for the State's educational standards and its own obligation to fix a sum sufficient that will not impair the educational programs or the ability of the School district to provide a thorough and efficient system of local schools in view of the make up of the community.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Committee hereby directs the Township Clerk to forward the certifying resolution to the Burlington County Board of Taxation, the Delanco Township Board of Education, the Delanco Tax Collector and the Burlington County Superintendent of Schools.

**MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Mayor Fitzpatrick opened the meeting to the public.

Rich Furness, DYSA President, and Marissa Karamanoogian gave a presentation on the funding needs to support DYSA's youth sports programs. Mr. Furness reviewed income and expenses, number of participants and cost per player. Ms. Karamanoogian reviewed the current registration fees.

Discussion ensued regarding fundraising and the Township's current contributions. Mr. Templeton indicated that he feels that the township's contribution should be reduced as it funding by the township was meant to be temporary to help DYSA when it first got started. Mayor Fitzpatrick stated that she disagreed with Mr. Templeton. Mr. Templeton indicated that registration fees should be increased as Delanco's are far below what other towns charge. Discussion continued regarding the \$6,000 currently budgeted to DYSA and the additional payment made for DYSA's insurance cost by the township.

Mayor Fitzpatrick thanked Mr. Furness and Ms. Karamanoogian for coming in to explain DYSA's expenses and funding needs.

**MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Joan Hinkle, seconded by Thom Lord to adjourn the meeting;

**Roll Call:** Hinkle, yes; Jass, yes; Lord, yes; Templeton, yes; Fitzpatrick, yes

Janice M. Lohr, RMC  
Municipal Clerk  
May 10, 2010