

MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL CHAMBERS
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2012

Mayor Hameeduddin called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 7:12 p.m. and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Hameeduddin

Absent: None.

Also Present: W. Rupp – Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg Esqs.; W. Broughton, Township Manager; J. Evelina, Township Clerk; I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 28-12, setting the 2012 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD and THE JEWISH STANDARD, filing a copy in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

Mayor Hameeduddin declared that any members of the public wishing to be heard at this time shall come forward and state their names for the record. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Leslie McKeon, Teaneck – Spoke on combined services with other towns, expects Sen. Loretta Weinberg can be very helpful; spoke on Township's dependability on homeowner taxes; opposes the four-day work week.

Alex Rashin, Teaneck – Spoke on sending notes to Mayor and C. Katz regarding budget increases; discussed increase in over time budget and recommended reduction in same; questioned police staff at 96 uniformed officers and requested clarification on dispatch hiring; also noted generous amount budgeted for tree trimming and tree planting.

Charles Powers, Teaneck – Glad to see Auditor and would hope some light would be shed on the revenue; referenced Auditor's report for 2010; what the Township is doing financially; expenditures; and an interest in hearing the auditor on what actions were taken since the auditor's report last July

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time (or the time limit of one hour having expired), Mayor Hameeduddin declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was now closed.

Mayor Hameeduddin inquired whether any member of the Council or the Manager wished to respond to the public comments.

Township Manager spoke on community services that are taking place;

C. Toffler advised that the Zoning Sub-Committee has not met; lets discuss possibilities at a zoning; spoke about the four-day work week; people believe it is a Furlough Program, "I won't say anything further", hoping Mr. Garbarini heard Mr. Power's statement.

Mayor Hameeduddin does not believe anyone has been approached as it as a Furlough.

C. Parker agrees, but knows people know where she stands.

DM Gussen addressed Dr. Rashin's issue about the three (3) dispatchers; cited gas diesel accounts.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

1. Presentation – Auditor.

Paul Garbarini discussed corrective action plans; complimented the Township on having their budget meeting early; discussed tax appeals; a plan is in place with the Manager so the Township does not run into the same problem.

Township Manager noted that the Auditor prepares the physical budget document that goes to the State.

DM Gussen noted that over the past several weeks there was a concern raised by a resident over revenue gap with appeals

Auditor Garbarini noted different properties are assessed differently;

2. Presentation – Insurance.

Wayne Dietz, President of D & H Alternative Risk Solutions Inc. noted Teaneck as being proactive, not reactive, and that is what gives Teaneck its success;

Paul Messerschmidt of D & H Alternative Risk Solutions Inc. spoke about the reduction on worker's compensation claims; former practices; contracts undertaken without liability thoughts; discussed positive results in litigation settlements; no losses now uninsured; spoke about threshold;

DM Gussen questioned in what areas the Township was uninsured for during the storms;

Paul Messerschmidt spoke on OT, fuel were costs

DM Gussen questioned employment issues

DM Gussen discussed PO Abraham (deceased) and "death benefits"

C. Parker questioned what's obligation?

Paul Messerschmidt

Mayor Hameeduddin asked if there was anything else the Township could look at to continue success.

3. Review – Library Budget.

C. Katz reported on how much money last year on reference books, account #7610

DM Gussen

C. Parker keeps administration costs lean and agrees not to touch it

4. Review – Council Budget.

C. Toffler questioned why \$10,500 was moved to Manager

Township Manager responded, no, it's spent on the budget in 2011

DM Gussen responded, not all spent.

Township Manager responded, yes, only \$1,500 needed for maintenance

C. Katz asked what is the difference between 2049 and 1101

DM Gussen responded 2049 for site and 1101 for web and online internet

Mayor Hameeduddin asked, how much do we give to TCI

Township Manager responded, \$26,500

Township Manager noted gift account not in budget

Mayor Hameeduddin said he did not want it, not to go to Council

5. Review – Township Manager's Budget.

DM Gussen spoke about line 2452, what, why, move forward

Township Manager, \$20,000 for inventory control system to track items' locations and disposals, however, the Township just had Edmonds presentation, perhaps Edmonds could possibly produce this

C. Katz asked about watches being moved to Human Resource; \$450 watch is an expensive tokena small one; meaning do something for thelike an I-Pod

C. Toffler questioned whether or not we could purchase in Teaneck

6. Review – Township Clerk's Budget.

Township Clerk Evelina spoke about election budget expenses; a potential 10% increase to print the ballots;

DM Gussen asked who purchased the ballots

Township Clerk Evelina requested Eugene Coleman to increase statutory board budget; Patricia White \$8,500

DM Gussen wants to see the sign scrutinized further

C. Parker questioned the costs for Municipal Election vs. Primary Election

C. Katz inquired on when the last street maps were printed

Paul Messerschmidt spoke on software

Township Clerk Evelina spoke on media track software; cost \$1,300/mo. + fee

Township Manager spoke on tablet purchasing

Township Clerk Evelina spoke on references; noted Hackensack signed up

C. Parker felt the Township should budget for what we budgeted for in 2011

DM Gussen said, OT gets spent

Township Manager noted his observation of the OT budget;

C. Katz questioned why the Township reduced Park Enforcement Officers; doesn't that have to be done through ordinance

C. Katz wants to see the Township fill parking officer positions

C. Katz inquired what the difference was between 3110 and 3160; CST lease agreements; ADP prices

C. Stern; authorized strength, have, proposed costs for Police Department and Fire Department; Fire Department 91, not 93, questioned where are the other 2 people.

7. Review – Various Budget Accounts.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember C. Stern moved to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Seconded by Councilmember C. Parker.

Roll Call

In Favor: C. Parker, C. Stern, DM. Gussen, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler,
Mayor Hameeduddin.

Opposed: None.

Absent: None.