

Special Meeting of Mayor and Council
Town Hall Council Chambers
100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, N.J.
March 3, 2011 at 6:00 P.M.
Beginning with Executive Session
Minutes can be viewed at www.townofhammonton.org

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Present
Esposito - Present
Gribbin - Present
Pullia - Present
Rodio - Present
Torrissi - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Present

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor

#R047A-2011 Executive Session

#R 047A-2011

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton that, in accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," an Executive Session is authorized on this below adopted date, for the purpose of discussing and/or acting upon:

1. Personnel
2. Litigation

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the minutes of any matters discussed in Executive Session shall be released to the public as soon as reasonably possible after Mayor and Council conclude that the basis for exclusion of the public ceases to exist.

Motion by Councilperson Rodio, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, the resolution be adopted.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:
Barberio - Yes
Esposito - Yes
Gribbin - Yes
Pullia - Yes
Rodio - Yes
Torrissi - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

RESUME REGULAR MEETING-ROLL CALL

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Barberio - Present
Esposito - Present
Gribbin - Present
Pullia - Present
Rodio - Present

Torrissi - Absent
Mayor DiDonato - Present

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted and given to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exits to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Please do not proceed beyond the front benches without invitation from the Mayor to do so.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARD FOR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS

No one desired to be heard.

DISCUSSION 2011 BUDGET AND POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS

Mayor DiDonato advised on the 2011 municipal budget preparation including the following:

State Revenue down \$517,000
Pensions increased \$986,000
Health Insurance increased \$448,000
Diesel fuel has also increased substantially
Totaling approximately \$1,952,076 causing a potential 23.75 cent or 30% tax inc.

The Clerk read into the record the 2011 lay off plan to be considered this evening:

Positions to be reduced per Adm Comm recommendation:

Reduce Hrs PT Laborer Bldgs & Grds

Reduce position Princ Clk Typist in Adm to PT not to exceed 19.5 hrs per week @ \$14.00 hr

Eliminate the following positions:

1 Clerk Typist Tax Collector Office

1 Sr. Clerk Typist Tax Assessor Office

1 Property Maint Offl/Const Offl

1 Crossing Guard located at 4th & Fairview per Chief Jones recommendation

Anticipated savings: \$218,130.00

Approve 2011 Lay Off Plan

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, approve 2011 lay off plan as read into the record by the Clerk.

Councilman Barberio advised that these positions cannot be maintained, which is extremely unfortunate, due to the overwhelming increase in expenditures and decrease in State funding.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Absent

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Lay Off Crossing Guard – Non Civil Service Position

Mayor DiDonato advised that Chief Jones has reviewed and recommended the lay off of one crossing guard, location 4th and Fairview, as there is a police officer stationed there daily who has also been performing the same duties and this is a duplication of services which can be eliminated as a cost savings. Mayor DiDonato advised this lay off will not disrupt traffic patrol services at this intersection.

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, approve lay off of 1 crossing guard 4th and Fairview location.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Absent

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

Authorize Settlement – Litigation

Mr. Brian Howell, Town Solicitor, during mediation held today concerning a complaint filed by a police officer, settlement was made and will be forthcoming in written form for his review. He is requesting Mayor and Council's approval to accept settlement agreement on behalf of the Town of Hammonton and to report details of same once finalized.

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize Town Solicitor to make settlement on behalf of the Town of Hammonton.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

Barberio - Yes

Esposito - Yes

Gribbin - Yes

Pullia - Yes

Rodio - Yes

Torrissi - Absent

Mayor DiDonato – Yes

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD

No one desired to be heard.

MEETING ADJOURNED

CM 3/3/11

Motion by Councilperson Gribbin, seconded by Councilperson Esposito, the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried.

April Boyer Maimone, Municipal Clerk