

SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING OF COUNCIL
Held in Town Hall Council Chambers
100 Central Avenue, Hammonton, N.J.
April 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
Minutes can be viewed at www.townofhammonton.org

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR DIDONATO

ROLL CALL

Mayor DiDonato - P
Councilpersons:
Barberio - P
Bertino - P
Gribbin - P
Lewis - P
Pullia - P
Rodio - P

PRESENT ALSO

Brian Howell, Town Solicitor
Rob Scharle, CFO
Frank Zuber, Accountant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of this meeting has been posted on Town Hall bulletin board, mailed and e mailed to official newspapers. Please familiarize yourselves with the fire exit to the right and rear of the Council Chambers. Members of the public are reminded that they are not to proceed beyond the front row of the benches without specific invitation from the Mayor to do so.

FACES, Families for Autistic Children Education & Support

Colleen Lockwood, representative from the Hammonton Chapter of FACES, a non profit organization dedicated to children of autism and their families, invited everyone to the 4th Annual Autism Awareness Day Celebration to be held at the Hammonton Lake Park on Sunday, April 18, 2010 from 11 am to 2 pm.

NEGOTIATIONS

Mayor DiDonato stated that bargaining units need to step up. They agreed to 1 year freezes but 2 years are needed. Raising taxes is not an option. 5% of budget should be kept in surplus.

BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Rob Scharle, CFO for the Town of Hammonton, gave a budget presentation to Mayor and Council.

Resolution 042D-2010 temporary emergency appropriations

RESOLUTION # 042D-2010
Resolution of the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton,
County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, making temporary emergency appropriations
For the Current Fund

Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20 provides that temporary emergency appropriations may be made for the period between the beginning of the fiscal year and the date of adoption of the budget for said year; and

Whereas, the date of this resolution is not within the first thirty days of January; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of Hammonton, New Jersey, that the following temporary emergency appropriations are hereby made:

Assessment of Taxes:	
Salaries and Wages	\$13,326.92
Legal:	
Salaries and Wages	\$7,000.00
Natural Gas OE:	
Other Expenses	\$10,000.00

Recycling Tonnage Grant	\$57,660.33
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Body Armor Replacement Fund Grant	\$1,305.79
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Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Gribbin, the resolution be adopted.

Councilperson Bertino asked why were funds added to Tax Assessor Salaries and Wages.

Frank Zuber, Accountant, answered the dollar amount was based on original budget but the budget figures changed.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Barberio -Y
- Bertino - Y
- Gribbin - Y
- Lewis - Y
- Pullia - Y
- Rodio - Y
- Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

ADVERTISE FOR AIRPORT LEASE

Motion by Councilperson Pullia, seconded by Councilperson Rodio, authorize solicitor to advertise for lease at the Airport.

ROLL CALL

Councilpersons:

- Barberio -Y
- Bertino - Y
- Gribbin - Y
- Lewis - Y
- Pullia - Y
- Rodio - Y
- Mayor DiDonato - Y

Mayor DiDonato declared the motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARD

Anthony Mortellite, Broadway, Hammonton

Mr. Mortellite had questions regarding bonds to which Rob Scharle, CFO, answered. He also questioned management fees and breakdown of salaries for water and sewer.

The Mayor stated the management fee the Town currently charges to water and sewer is 5% and we can charge as high as 11% per State Law.

Mr. Mortellite also questioned whether sewer and water users dollars go towards keeping taxes down.

Rob Scharle, CFO, responded no. All funds are kept separately.

Larry Delaney, Broadway, Hammonton

Mr. Delaney questioned Mayor and Council's approach in regards to negotiating with Employees and the rationale for 2 year contracts as opposed to 1 year.

The Mayor stated he wanted to create a budget for this year with next year in mind. He wants Employees to feel a comfort level in their job since he believes in the next 18-24 months we will get through this and the economy will change. Also, the School and Town fiscal years are not the same in regards to the SRO officer and the budget.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Motion by Councilperson Barberio, seconded by Councilperson Bertino, the meeting be adjourned.
Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Kathryn R. Velardi, Principal Clerk Typist, RMC

