

The Workshop Meeting of the West Milford Township Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Joseph DiDonato.

Mayor DiDonato advised that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this special meeting was advertised in the Aim Community News in its issues of July 18, 2004; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, The Record, North Jersey Herald & News, the Star Ledger, and Greenwood Lake News and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Paul Bailey, Joseph Elcavage, William Gervens, Dennis Kirwan, Patricia Lotz-Moore, Carmelo Scangarello and Mayor Joseph DiDonato.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Acting Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes, Chief Financial Officer Arthur Magnotti and Township Auditor Charles J. Ferraioli, Jr.

Purpose

Review of the 2004 Municipal and Solid Waste Budgets and proposed amendments to the budget with formal action to introduce amendments to the budgets.

Formal action will be taken at this meeting.

Budget Review

Acting Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes read the following into the record:

To: Mayor and Township Council
From: Kevin J. Byrnes, Acting Township Administrator
Date: July 22, 2004
Re: 2004 Township Budget - Proposed Adjustments

The Mayor and Township Council requested that the Administration develop a budget that reduced the anticipated tax levy of \$15,154,335; which was an increase over the 2003 Township budget of \$1,898,510.

The State recently announced two additional aid numbers to the Township. One announcement was for \$90,000 for Municipal Homeland Security and the other for \$757,687 for the restoration of Watershed Moratorium aid. As anticipated with the receipt of the Watershed Moratorium aid, the Township's application for Extraordinary Aid was denied by the State.

With this additional \$847,687 in State Aid the proposed Township tax levy was reduced to \$14,306,648.

That amount was still \$851,986 higher than the Township Council's targeted increase of 1.4% above the 2003 tax levy or \$13,454,662.

The attached list is prepared with recommended adjustments to the Township tax levy in the amount of \$963,836 in cuts to the Township Budget, which is \$111,850 below the target amount. In addition, if the Township Council wants to utilize additional Surplus, consider increasing the use of Surplus by \$125,000 to further reduce the tax impact this year.

In addition, based upon the recent bids accepted by the Township for disposal of Solid Waste, I recommend an increase of \$60,000 in the amount budgeted for Disposal Fees from \$825,000 to \$885,000.

Attached to this memo is a breakdown of the areas where the budget was adjusted. If the Township Council is in agreement with these adjustments, a resolution would be approved tonight, a notice will be advertised noting the amendments to the budget along with the announcement of the Public Hearing on the amendments to the Budget at the August 4, 2004 Regular Meeting.

Township Auditor Charles J. Ferraioli, Jr. advised the Mayor and Council on reducing the budget, suggesting that they use less surplus by adding back more "Pay as you go" capital into the budget.

The Mayor and Council discussed the municipal budget.

The Chief Financial Officer Arthur Magnotti was asked for the percentage that salaries are to the entire budget.

Chief Financial Officer Arthur Magnotti noted that salaries are between 49% - 50% of the total budget.

The Mayor and Council continued discussion of the municipal budget.

The Township Council took action on the following resolution:

right to receive funds from the Government of the United States.

- () b. (3) Material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- () b. (4) A collective bargaining agreement including negotiations.
- () b. (5) Purchase, lease or acquisition of real property, setting of banking rates or investment of public funds, where it could adversely affect the public interest if disclosed.
- () b. (6) Tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, if disclosure could impair such protection. Investigation of violations of the law.
- () b. (7) Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations other than in subsection b. (4) herein or matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.
- (X) b. (8) Personnel matters.
- () b. (9) Deliberations after a public hearing that may result in penalties.

2. The time when the matter(s) discussed pursuant to Paragraph 1 hereof can be disclosed to the public is as soon as practicable after final resolution of the aforesaid matter(s).

Moved: Kirwan Seconded: Scangarello
Voted Aye: Bailey, Elcavage, Gervens, Kirwan, Lotz-Moore, Scangarello.
Voted Nay:None.
Resolution adopted.

Present: Councilmembers Paul Bailey, Joseph Elcavage, William Gervens, Dennis Kirwan, Patricia Lotz-Moore, Carmelo Scangarello, and Mayor Joseph DiDonato.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Acting Township Administrator Kevin J. Byrnes.

Items discussed during the Executive Session were as follows:

Personnel policies

Councilman Bailey moved to adjourn the executive session at 9:35 p.m.
Moved: Bailey Seconded: Scangarello
Voted Aye: Bailey, Elcavage, Gervens, Kirwan, Lotz-Moore, Scangarello.
Voted Nay: None.
Executive Session adjourned.

Adjournment

Councilman Bailey moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 9:36 p.m.
Moved: Bailey Seconded: Scangarello
Voted Aye: Bailey, Elcavage, Gervens, Kirwan, Lotz-Moore, Scangarello.
Voted Nay: None.
Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR JOSEPH DIDONATO
PRESIDING OFFICER

KEVIN J. BYRNES
TOWNSHIP CLERK