

May 10, 2011
Keyport, New Jersey

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Keyport, held on the above date in the Borough Hall Council Chambers, Keyport, N.J., pursuant to the notice that was sent to the Asbury Park Press, Independent, Two River Times and Newark Star Ledger and posted on the Bulletin Board in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231.

Mayor McLeod called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. and Borough Clerk read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Bolte, Chamberlain, Sheridan, Ambrose, Toglia, Mayor McLeod. Absent: Councilwoman Sefcik. Others present: Borough Administrator Ms. Wright, CFO, Thomas Fallon, Borough Attorney, John T. Lane

CLOSED SESSION

Resolution #144-11 Closed Session Meeting Sale and Purchase of Property, Personnel, Litigation

RESOLUTION NO. 144-11 CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport are of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

- Sale and Purchase of Property
- Personnel
- Litigation - update

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body that a meeting of the Mayor and Council shall be held forthwith from which the public shall be excluded in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, for the purpose of discussing the above-mentioned items.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that discussions on Sale and Purchase of Property, Personnel, and Litigation be conducted at said Closed Session shall be disclosed when the matters discussed are resolved and this meeting shall continue in approximately 20 minutes.

Offered for adoption by: Mr. Chamberlain, Seconded by: Toglia

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bolte, Chamberlain, Sheridan, Ambrose, Toglia
Nays:
Absent: Councilwoman Sefcik
Abstain:

Council went into closed session at 6:32 PM and this meeting was reconvened at 6:53PM

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE

CONSENT AGENDA

(All resolutions listed hereunder are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. Any person may request that an item be removed for separate consideration.)

R145-11 Hiring Of Temporary Part Time Summer Laborers

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:02 P.M moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Chamberlain with ayes by all present.

There being no more comments or questions from the public, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:02P.M.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

Motion on the Consent Agenda made by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Chamberlain

Roll Call: Ayes: Councilmembers Bolte, Chamberlain, Sheridan, Ambrose Toglia

Nays:

Absent: Councilwoman Sefcik

Abstain:

PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:03 P.M moved by Mr. Toglia, second by Mr. Chamberlain with ayes by all present.

Ms. Ambrose stated she had a meeting last night with PBA. They are willing to go with the State Health Care Plan which will result in a substantial savings.

PBA has asked budget not be adopted until after their next meeting. She expects it to be a win/win situation.

Mr. Burlew, 59 West Front Street, asked about the school budget.

Sal Costanza represents DPW, clerical and dispatchers, asked about Rice Notices received by employees.

Mayor stated that will also be carried to the next meeting.

Mike Lane thanked Council for their work on the budget. Feels this increase will be a dramatic improvement over the last ten years. Mr. Lane asked Council to develop long term goals & strategies.

Motion made to table adoption of Municipal Budget until May 17, 2011 moved by Ms. Ambrose, second by Mr. Chamberlain with ayes by all present.

There being no more comments or questions from the public, the meeting was closed to the public at 7:10P.M.

ADOPTION OF 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

R125-11 – Resolution Adopting the 2011 Municipal Budget – **tabled until 5/17/11**

The Clerk reads the Budget by Title: **2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE BOROUGH OF KEYPORT, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, FOR THE YEAR 2011**

Off: 2nd:
Ambrose, Toglia

Roll Call: Bolte, Sefcik, Chamberlain, Sheridan,

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Letter of Resignation from Anthony Neibert

Motion to accept, receive and file, send a letter of thanks, moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Ms. Bolte with ayes by all present.

DISCUSSION

Keyport Board of Education Budget

Ms. Ambrose – Finance Committee met with Board of Education on Saturday. Board of Education came back with a \$165, 828 decrease in the budget.

CFO – This brought the amount to be raised taxation to the same number as last year. Approximately a zero percent increase.

Mr. Toglia commended the School Board and felt they were very cooperative.

Resolution R-146- 11 – Board of Education 2011-12 School Budget

Motion was made to Amend Resolution for General Fund to read \$8,291,418.00 by Ms. Ambrose, seconded by Mr. Sheridan

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bolte, Chamberlain, Sheridan, Ambrose, Toglia
Nays:
Absent: Councilwoman Sefcik
Abstain:

Ms. Ambrose – would like to propose doing away with Community Development Coordinator position since KBA will be handling events.

Mayor asked if that would cover NPP Coordinator position.

Ms. Ambrose – yes

Mayor read NJSA 40:48-1 stating that a position must be created by Ordinance. Proper procedure for creation of any position is that there is an Ordinance to designate the public office. This position was not created according to Ordinance, which is a pattern created under the prior administration.

Neither a salary ordinance nor appropriate funds is enough to create the position.

Mayor stated Ms. Bolte and prior administration did not protect the employees who were appointed without an ordinance.

Mr. Sheridan stated that what has been going on with events here in the last few years has been something special. Warned Council to be careful of what is being done.

Mayor stated, with the exception of Mr. Sheridan, the previous administration has been nothing but devisive.

Ms. Bolte spoke of Rice noticing employees at the end of the day on Fridays for the last two meetings.

Motion to amend agenda to add resolution moved by Ms. Ambrose, second by Mr. Chamberlain

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Chamberlain, Ambrose, Toglia
Nays: Councilmembers Bolte, Sheridan
Absent: Councilwoman Sefcik
Abstain:

Motion made to add resolution to abolish NPP & CDC moved by Mr. Toglia, second by Mr. Chamberlain

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Chamberlain, Ambrose, Toglia
Nays: Councilmembers Bolte, Sheridan
Absent: Councilwoman Sefcik
Abstain:

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 7:32 P.M moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Mr. Chamberlain with ayes by all present.

Ken McPeck, Division Street, stated that he does not agree with getting rid of KCCC. Additionally, he feels Ms. Bolte deserves respect as an elected official.

Mayor feels Ms. Bolte attacked his integrity at the January 1st Re-org meeting.

Mike Lane, 51 First Street, regarding resignation of Zoning Officer, he would not applaud his performance in this town. Feels he mishandled his position. Surprised there was any support.

Regarding the School Budget, they reduced the tax on the general fund but taxpayers are still looking at a substantial increase.

Elmer Graham Jr, 22 St. Peters Place, stated that the behavior of Council is like a comedy show. Would like politics put outside the front door. Mr. Graham believes in bi-partisan ship.

Peter Henning, 102 Main Street, stated that he doesn't think Mayor and Councils' conduct is funny; the lack of civility is appalling. Feels someone needs to have control of the meeting. Would like all to work for the benefit of the town.

Ed Burlew, 59 West Front Street, feels the Council is doing a great job on the budget.

Dennis Fotopoulos, 77 Beers Street, said the example being set speaks volumes. Vitality in the town has improved over the last six years. Stated what matters is what we are going to do going forward. Would like what's happened in the past to be in the past. Mr. Fotopoulos agrees with Mr. Sheridan's warning to us caution.

Mr. Chamberlain stated he has talked to people in this building who were terrorized by the previous administration. Feels they have to look out for the residents of this town and would like to start with the employees. Hard choices must be made.

Dennis Fotopoulos stated that if no one voted out the KCCC without mentioning the KBA, he would not think it was done out of revenge.

Mr. Toglia stated some of these decisions have to be made. When something costs something, we have to look at it and ask if it is redundant.

Mayor spoke of how the KCCC was formed. Position is that these events should be run by volunteers. Mayor mentions organizations that he incorporated as a volunteer; Keyport Kiwanis Club, Keyport First Aid, Keyport Hook and Ladder, Masonic Association of Keyport

All are self-funding except the Fire Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made and carried at 7:55 pm