

Approved 12/4/07

Keyport, New Jersey
March 12, 2007

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 70 West Front Street, Keyport, New Jersey pursuant to being called by Mayor and Council. Notice was forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, Courier, Independent, Two River Times and Newark Star Ledger and posted on the Bulletin Board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231.

Mayor Bergen called the meeting to order at 7:32P.M. and the Borough Clerk read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Sheridan, Ortman (arrived 7:34 p.m.), Walling, Hill, Bolte, Hassmiller. Others Present: Peter Valesi, Borough Administrator, Thomas Fallon (arrived 9:02) Absent: Borough Attorney

DISCUSSION

Budget must be introduced by March 20th. Will not be adopted until extraordinary aid figures are in.

Mr. Valesi, Borough Administrator, went over items "out of our control" \$300,000 - In 2006 we received Extraordinary Aid. Cannot anticipate that this year.

- contribution cost \$118,200 pensions
- health care costs 9-13% increase
- debt service - Bond anticipation Notes - 3 ½ cents on tax rate
- public library levy - increased over 10%
- revaluation - 1st \$50,000 budget this year
- \$70,000 - accumulated leave pay to retired employees

Total .23 increase before looking at departmental budgets. The budget document reflects all that everyone asked for. Mayor explained budget document.

Can't currently anticipate Extraordinary Aid Surplus:

- all money left in 2006 budget goes into 2008 budget
- revenues in current year \$10,000 of permits probably just from Woodmont

Mayor explains NPP Program Targeted Neighborhood Revitalization Program NPP Coordinator currently training with the State. Borough currently kicking in \$25 - \$26K annually.

Therese Street \$60,000 - matching grant money
Beach Park \$42,000 - matching grant money

96% tax property collection rate - budget currently based on every \$32,000 equaling one penny on tax rate.

Will take a hit on Planning Board Budget due to litigation against Board. Board acted arbitrarily in granting approval.

Police - anticipate decrease in projected salaries can accumulate unused sick time paid for ½ that amount - contrarily owe this money as people leave.

Fire Department - 30 pagers at cost of \$14,000. Fire Department asking for 14 sets of gear - Mr. Sheridan would like to see them get some of their items through bonding.

Mayor wants to take a look at Uniform Fire Safety - budgeting more than taking in.

Public Workers Functions:

- Road Repair & Maintenance
- Garbage & Trash Removal
- Public Building & Grounds
(includes a request for one additional public works employee)

Contracted Garbage services are increasing \$13,000.

Most of the senior center monies come out of Office on Aging Grant.

Parks and Playgrounds - wish list:

- seeding for ball fields
 - weed & veg. control
 - sand for volley ball court
- Budget Cap allows only 2 ½% increase

Library - Set statutory formula - since it is a free public library it cannot be cut. Sheridan notes that library is pretty much self sufficient.

Municipal Service Act - for apartments, requires us to reimburse for garbage pick up.

On Page 28 - Special Emergency authorizations reflect litigation fees against Planning Board

This budget reflects a .32 increase over 2006.

At 8:53 PM meeting was open to the public for comments or questions. Seeing no one, public portion was closed at 8:53 PM (put before T. Fallon arrives)

9:02PM - Tom Fallon arrives.

Closed Session Resolution Motion made and carried to go into closed session

RESOLUTION

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TITLE: 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:

A. Personnel

B. Litigation

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 Personnel 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. Ortman, second by Mr. Hassmiller

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Sheridan, Hassmiller, Ortman,
Walling, Bolte

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Hill

Motion made and carried to return to Open Session at 9:20.

Motion made and carried to adjourn at 9:20 P.M.