

Approved 6/18/02

April 30, 2002

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, Borough of Keyport, held on the above date in the Keyport Senior Center, 110 Second Street, Keyport, N.J. pursuant to being called by Mayor Graham, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Notices were faxed to the Courier, Asbury Park Press, Independent and Two River Times and posted on the Bulletin Boards.

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M. and read the Sunshine Law Notice.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Bergen, Atkins, Merla, Ashmore, Hyer, Stalter. Others present: Wesley Kain, Borough Attorney.

RESOLUTION

1. Resolution #151-02, Closed Meeting - Personnel

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Keyport propose to discuss the following subjects:

Personnel

1. Police Department

WHEREAS, the Governing Body has determined that within the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law, the public should be excluded from the discussion of said subjects.

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 for the purpose of discussing the following subjects:

Personnel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussions on Personnel shall be disclosed when the matter discussed are resolved and this meeting shall continue in approximately 20 minutes.

Offered for adoption by Mr. Merla, seconded by Mr. Hyer

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Councilmembers Bergen, Atkins, Merla
Ashmore, Hyer, Stalter

Mr. Merla said at the last meeting Mr. Kain gave the opinion that he (Mr. Merla) should disqualify himself since Tony Gallo is his cousin. By recommendation of Mr. Kain he excused himself and abstained from the rest of the meeting. Mr. Merla said he did not agree with Mr. Kain, but respected his opinion. Mr. Merla spoke with the Chief Counsel of the Ethics Board and wrote a letter to them regarding this situation. The Ethics Board meets on May 7th and should have an answer by May 8th. There may be a problem in the future with other future appointments. Mr. Gallo is Mr. Merla's wife's third cousin. A copy of Mr. Merla's letter to the Ethics Board will be given to Mrs. Poling. The Ethics Board acts on complaints and gives advice and consent to matters. Mr. Merla said he interviewed Chief Gajewski when he was appointed Police Officer and there was no problem. Mr. Merla said he is abstaining from the interviews because of Mr. Kain's recommendation, not by choice. Mr. Merla left the meeting at 7:14 P.M.

Council went into closed session at 7:14 P.M. and this meeting was reconvened at 10:11 P.M. On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Bergen, Atkins, Merla, Ashmore, Hyer and Stalter.

DISCUSSION

1. **Boat Launching Ramp.** Mr. Hyer said the Boat Ramp will be opened Saturday, May 4th. Two people were hired to work the ramp. There were numerous discussions in the past on the Boat Launching Ramp building and whether a 24X8 trailer with a bathroom should be rented (\$135/month). The building was discussed with Tony Vecchio, Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer and he advised if temporary repairs were made to the building it could be used to get through this

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Green Grove Apartments Parking.** A letter was received from Kamson Corporation requesting a 30 day extension to June 1, 2002 before Green Grove Avenue becomes no parking again. Captain Dayback felt that a 30 day extension should be given since they are trying to rectify the situation there. Council agreed to a 30 day extension.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn moved by Mrs. Atkins, seconded by Mrs. Ashmore with Ayes by all present.

Time of Adjournment: 10:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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