

TOWNSHIP OF HARDWICK
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Budget Meeting
Saturday, February 14, 2009

A Budget Work Session of the Hardwick Township Committee was held on this date at the Municipal Building, 40 Spring Valley Road, Hardwick Township. This meeting was called to order at 9:10AM by Township Clerk Judith Fisher. Mrs. Fisher noted that this meeting was being held in accordance with the "Open Public Meeting Act". Present were Mr. Kevin Duffy, Mr. Alfred Carrazzone and Mr. James Perry; also present were CFO Gregory Della Pia and CPWM Thomas Campbell.

Mr. Della Pia handed out revised work sheets from our first budget meeting on January 24, 2009 when the Committee met with the various organizations. Mr. Della Pia noted that the Township right now is looking at a 2% tax increase. The Township surplus is almost at it end and the deferred school tax has been used up. Our pension bill right now is \$14,000. The Township can defer this, but the Committee is NOT interested in doing this. Pay raises were figured in at 3% for 2009. Our maximum cap is at \$287,000.

The budget work sheets were reviewed line by line.

Mr. Perry discussed possible putting a stipend of \$200.00 in for Mr. Gill who is doing the Web Site. He also talked about the Building Department and possible cuts to hours and salary. Mr. Carrazzone asked if there was any more thought given to going with DCA for this Department. There was a brief discussion on this issue with no decision. Mr. Perry then noted that he has a meeting with Stillwater Township to discuss Shared Services. The Committee asked that Mr. Peck, Building Inspector, be present for our Work Session on February 25 to discuss his Department. The Clerk will notify him of this.

Mr. Della Pia reminded the Committee that they need to keep the Tax Levy Cap under the 4%. He also noted that the State Aid figures should be out around March 10.

At this time, the Committee finished reviewing the Budget.

At 11:32 AM Mr. Carrazzone moved that the Committee go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the Engineer's contract, this motion was seconded by Mr. Perry. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1974 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hardwick, County of Warren and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from that portion of this meeting
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
Contract Negotiations - Township Engineer
3. As nearly as can now be ascertained, the matter or matters to be discussed at the time will be disclosed to the public when such matters are resolved.

Time In: 11:32AM

Present: Mr. Kevin Duffy, Mr. Alfred Carrazzone and Mr. James Perry

Also Present: Township Clerk Judith Fisher

Time Out: 11:49AM

Mr. Perry moved that the Committee come out of closed session, seconded by Mr. Carrazzone. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

The Clerk noted that the Committee met in closed session to discuss the Engineer's contract. No official action was taken by the Committee at this time. Copies of the minutes will be made available to the public at such time as the Committee determines that there is no harm to the public interest.

Adjournment: 11:50AM

Motion was made by Mr. Carrazzone and seconded by Mr. Perry to adjourn today's meeting at 11:50AM. Motion carried and in a voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith M. Fisher, RMC
Township Clerk

Unofficial Minutes