

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING TO INTRODUCE THE BUDGET
MARCH 7, 2011 - 7:00 PM

The Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Sloane requested a Moment of Silence.

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read by the Acting Clerk, Gail R. Scheffler.

Roll Call

Present: Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, President Sloane, and Mayor Riskie

Absent: Pottillo, Carter

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION #11-61 - RESOLUTION TO INTRODUCE THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Councilman Fleming presented the above-entitled resolution.

The Acting Clerk read the title of the resolution.

Councilman Fleming advised that the Finance Committee was able to bring the budget down to a 9.9 cent increase.

Councilman Louis inquired how much was taken out of our surplus account to compensate compile the budget.

Mr. Law advised that we did have to go into our surplus and explained the reason for it.

Councilman Connor inquired why the insurance amount seemed to double from last year.

Mr. Law advised how he calculated the figures on the budget and in this particular case, it did not double but instead was "outside the cap" and explained why it was done that way. The total amount was divided into two different figures because of the benefits. The "outside the cap" figures are to the City's advantage vs. "inside the cap".

Mr. Law also responded to questions pertaining the whether the figures listed included the three positions the City is looking to fill. Mr. Law responded they were, in the total amount of Mr. Bowe's previous salary.

In conclusion, Mr. Law advised that the City is scheduled to be going through a re-evaluation this year, but it will not be affective until the following year. Mr. Law also added that a

re-val does not necessarily mean tax increases, it merely means some will be increased and others will be decreased, it is done to equalize the ratables city-wide.

On motion of Councilman Fleming, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the resolution was adopted by a roll call vote.

Ayes	7	Brown, Fleming, Louis, Tierney, Trout, Connor, Sloane
Nays	0	
Absent	2	Pottillo, Carter

PUBLIC

On motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the floor was opened to the Public.

Al Nicolosi, 1319 Royal Lane, Thorofare, New Jersey and owner of a property at 8-10 Aberdeen Place, stated that he was involved in an Adhoc Committee regarding the Redevelopment of Downtown Woodbury. Mr. Nicolosi stated he spent most of his summer attending meetings and would like to know where the City is in it's redeveloping stages.

Councilman Louis advised that Mr. Nicolosi is speaking of the Improvement District not the Redevelopment Plan.

President Sloane stated that he would like to see the Redevelopment take first priority and a presentation will be made at the next Council Meeting. After listening to the presentation some of Mr. Nicolosi's concerns may be addressed at that meeting. President Sloane also indicated that the City has to look at the Improvement District much closer as more questions arose than were answered.

Anthony Chiesa, 36 Rugby Place, had a budget question asking for an explanation regarding the appropriations side of the 2% CAP.

Mr. Law stated he did not have that calculation available, but explained to Mr. Chiesa how he could calculate the figures.

Mr. Chiesa then inquired about health insurance increases and how they affected the budget. Again, Mr. Law said he could not answer it would depend on any contract or legislative changes happening.

As no one else desired to address Council, on motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by councilwoman Tierney, the Public Portion was closed.

There being no further business, on motion of Councilman Trout, seconded by Councilwoman Tierney, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

GAIL R. SCHEFFLER
Acting City Clerk

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT

Chief Financial Officer - Robert Law
City Solicitor - James Pierson, Esq.
Police: Chief Reed Merinuk