# MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF

# THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

#### HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON

# WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2010

Mayor Feit called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 7:02 p.m., and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

# **ROLL CALL**

Present: C. Gussen, DM. Parker, C. Honis (arrived at 7:14 p.m.), C. Katz (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), C. Toffler, Mayor Feit.

Absent: C. Hameeduddin.

Also Present: W. Broughton, Municipal Manager; J. Evelina, Senior Clerk; C. Loschiavo, Clerk Typist.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 322-09, setting the 2010 meeting dates, and Resolution 384-09 and the December 23, 2009 Sunshine Notice amending the 2010 meeting dates, sending a copy to THE RECORD, THE SUBURBANITE, THE BERGEN NEWS/SUN BULLETIN, THE JEWISH STANDARD, and THE COUNTY SEAT, filing a copy in the Township Clerk's Office and posting it on the Municipal Building bulletin board, and the Mayor hereby directs that this statement be included in the minutes.

# MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE

Mayor Feit inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments prior to opening the meeting to any comments from the public.

There were no comments.

Mayor Feit declared that any members of the public who wished to be heard come forward and state their names and addresses for the record. Comments were limited to five minutes per person.

Art Vatsky - 950 Garrison Avenue - urged Council to find money to make the Township a better place, but to use the money wisely; referenced the old police headquarters, funding for the PAL Building, the streetscape, and Brennan litigation costs.

Joan Davis - 976 Alpine Drive - advised Council not to privatize everything, to invest in staff, and to appropriate funds to Teaneck Topics.

There having been no further persons who wished to speak, Mayor Feit declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was now closed.

#### CAPITAL BUDGET:

Township Engineer McKearnin described the proposed public works capital budgets and associated engineering costs. He explained that the Township infrastructure is falling apart and is visible with the streets as paving material has gone up tremendously. The Fire Headquarters signal improvement is required as the signal has become reliable. Fencing at Votee is for replacement of existing rusted and damaged fencing. The Glenpointe Pump Station is part of a sanitary system for the southeast portion of the town. Superintendent of Public Works Wilson described the conditions of the fleet as Council considered the truck and heavy vehicle replacements.

Mr. Broughton informed Council of the plan to replace the floors of the lower level in the Municipal Building with tile, the emergency escape harness and OSHA requirement for uniforms for the Fire Department, and the computer replacement for the Police Department which includes 10 computers at headquarters and 4 computers in police vehicles. Mr. Broughton indicated that he would confirm if the funding for work station uniforms covers all personnel.

DM. Parker requested a summary of changes to the budget thus far. C. Gussen concurred with an additional request for the revised impact on the tax rate and the cap.

Council determined to schedule a budget hearing for February 16th at 8pm. Mayor Feit confirmed that the meeting would be a wrap-up of outstanding issues involving salary and wages, particularly with the DPW recycling program and Police Department staffing, as well as the capital budget.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

C. Katz moved to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by C. Toffler.

In Favor: C. Gussen, DM. Parker, C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Feit.

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Hameeduddin.