

THE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010 BUDGET MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:05 PM BY THE MAYOR, MARYANN MERLINO.

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS SENT TO THE RECORD BREEZE, COURIER-POST AND INQUIRER NEWSPAPERS, AND A COPY IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW".

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**ROLL CALL:**

Committeeman Condo - Present
Committeewoman Finnerty - Present
Committeeman Halbert - Present
Committeeman Hamilton - Present
Mayor Merlino - Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Virginia L. Chandler, Township Clerk - Absent
Lawrence C. Ruocco, Township Administrator - Absent
Stephen A. Miller, Township Certified Finance Officer - Present
Susan E. Danson, Township Treasurer & Purchasing Agent - Absent

Resolution #2010-101

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN A. MILLER AS DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2010 AND THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010 TO COVER THE TOWNSHIP IN THE ABSENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK VIRGINIA L. CHANDLER.

Moved by Finnerty, 2nd by Hamilton to adopt Resolution #2010-101.

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes
Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
Committeeman Halbert - Yes
Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
Mayor Merlino - Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Anita Wilson, Township Tax Collector spoke on behalf of the Tax Department and the necessity to keep the department staffed.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

DISCUSSION ON BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2010:

Director of Finance, Ralph Condo gave a summary update of the budget status.

Director of Public Safety, Charles Hamilton noted a letter from the Police Department.

After much discussion it was decided that \$200,000.00 of personnel costs must be cut from the Budget prior to introduction with direction given to the Administrator, Chief Finance Office and Treasurer to work out the logistics. The Director of Finance, Ralph Condo made a motion to direct the Administrator to take the necessary actions, in consultation with the solicitor, to immediately begin the process of implementing layoffs or position eliminations necessary to achieve a savings in personnel costs of \$200,000.00. This is to be accomplished in accordance with the terms & conditions of existing contracts.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to authorize the Administrator, Chief Finance Office and Treasurer to work out the logistics to cut \$200,000.00 of personnel costs from the budget.

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

ADJOURNMENT: (6:25 PM)

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Virginia L. Chandler, RMC with the Concurrence of Stephen A. Miller, CFO serving as Deputy Township Clerk in the absence of the Township Clerk