

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.

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2010**

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Gussen, DM. Parker (arrived at 8:16 p.m.), C. Honis, C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Feit.

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 322-09, setting the 2010 meeting dates, and Resolution 384-09 and the March 1, 2010 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.

Joan Davis - 976 Alpine Drive - requested that DPW, Fire, and Police vacancies be filled; expressed concern about the capital budget; questioned executive secretaries; requested in-house counsel and increasing staff in the engineering department; and that the EPA should monitor the installation of artificial turf project should it move ahead.

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

1. Summary of Changes to 2010 Proposed Municipal Budget.

Mr. Broughton summarized to Council the following amendments made to the 2010 budget based on directives from prior budget meetings:

090 - The budget was reduced by \$31,000, which includes transferring Teaneck Topics to the Manager's account, 110, and reductions in discretionary funding by \$10,000 and in community relations by \$5,000.

110 - This budget was increased by \$12,000 with the Teaneck Topics transfer and by \$25,000 for HR Software.

230 - This budget was modified by reducing \$231,000 from State Health Benefits and adding \$231,300 for medical opt-outs.

300 - This budget had a \$200 reduction on the New Employees line item.

430 - This budget was increased by \$217,002 based on the receipt of the actual bill from the Bergen County Utilities Authority on January 11th. The original appropriation was based on an estimate from the BCUA.

735 - This budget was increased by \$17,380 after receiving notification on the Public Health Priority Grant.

741 - Based on Council's authorization to reduce the rate of gasoline, this budget was reduced by \$25,300.

770 - The bond interest line item in this account was reduced by \$159,388 based on information presented by the auditor on January 27th.

2. Operating Budget

A. Consideration of Addition of \$5,000 - Holiday Events.

Council authorized the addition of \$5,000 for the July 4th celebration.

B. Consideration of Approval of Purchase Order - Police Vehicles.

Council authorized the purchase of 6 Dodge Chargers at \$184,500.

3. Capital Budget.

A. Consideration of Utilization of M.O.S.T. Funds - Parks & Playgrounds Fees Associated with Engineering Costs (\$15,000).

Council authorized the appropriation of \$15,000 from MOST funds for the engineering costs associated with preparing the bid specs and design work for the baseball field and other fencing at Votee Park.

B. Consideration of Utilization of M.O.S.T. Funds - Bergen County Open Spaces - Engineering (Terhune Park Tennis Courts).

Council authorized the appropriation of \$24,000 from MOST funds for the engineering costs associated with the Terhune Park Tennis Courts.

C. Consideration of Funding - CSX Pedestrian Bridge Project through Associated Grant.

Council authorized the appropriation of \$70,000 from the Capital Fund for the engineering studies required for the CSX pedestrian bridge that was not covered by the \$500,000 grant.

D. Consideration of Items Not Included in 2010 Capital Fund.

Council authorized the \$10,000 purchase of defibrillators, which was not included in the original proposed 2010 budget.

4. Consideration of Enhanced Recycling Program - In-House vs. Outsourcing.

Council decided to proceed with Option #2, which increases recycling to twice per month using 3 staff drivers and 6 seasonal employees.

5. Salaries & Wages

A. Consideration of Additional DPW Laborers / Truck Drivers. DPW Superintendent Wilson advised Council that after July 1st there will be 3 potential retirements. In addition to the aforementioned staffing for the enhanced recycling program, Council also authorized the hiring of 3 staff laborers.

B. Consideration of Police Officer Replacements.

Police Chief Wilson reported that in 2010, about 9 to 10 employees will become eligible for retirement and he guessed that 2-3 will definitely retire. He explained that any new hires will enter the academy in August or September. Background checks eliminate about 80% of the people on the list. Council authorized the hiring of 3 officers.

C. Consideration of Additional Funding - Terminal Leave Trust.

Council authorized the funding of the terminal leave trust at \$250,000.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Gussen moved to adjourn the Budget Meeting at 9:59 p.m. Seconded by C. Honis.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Hameeduddin.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Absent: C. Hameeduddin.

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