

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF  
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010

Mayor Feit called the Open Session Meeting of the Teaneck Township Council to order at 8:05 p.m., and asked all those present to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was held for the recent passing of Councilmember Toffler's mother.

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Gussen, C. Hameeduddin, DM. Parker, C. Honis, C. Katz, Mayor Feit.

Absent: C. Toffler.

Also Present. W. Rupp, Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka & Goldberg Esqs.; J. Evelina, Senior Clerk, C. Loschiavo, Clerk Typist.

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by Resolution 322-09, setting 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.

Mayor Feit reminded all present that polls would be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 for the School Board Elections.

HEARING ON THE 2010 CEDAR LANE SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BUDGET

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

No Councilmember had any comments.

Mayor Feit declared that any members of the public wishing to be heard at this time shall come forward and state their names and addresses for the record. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person.

Joan Davis - 976 Alpine Drive - Questioned the loan payments and stated that the assessment charged to the businesses is paid by the consumers.

Howard Rose - 575 Northumberland Road - Requested larger payments towards the loan repayment to get rid of the debt sooner.

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Feit declared the hearing on the 2010 Special Improvement District Budget closed.

DM. Parker moved to approve the Resolution #81-10 - Adoption of the 2010 Special Improvement District Budget. Seconded by C. Hameeduddin.

Mayor Feit called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Toffler.

Mayor Feit declared that the 2010 Special Improvement District Budget is adopted.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR GOOD AND WELFARE OR PUBLIC INPUT ON ANY MATTERS ON THIS AGENDA

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Robert O'Neill - 292 Hemlock Terrace - Questioned the delay in introducing the municipal budget until the day after the municipal election; he stated that during the last municipal election, the budget was introduced in April 2008, leading to the 2009 layoffs; he then inquired as to when the next budget meeting would be scheduled so that the figures may be reconciled since state aid was reduced.

Joan Davis - 976 Alpine Drive - Asked Council if their intent was to go into additional debt in order to pay for infrastructure; she commented on the lack of new hires at Department of Public Works and the trend toward privatization; recommended Council lobby the Governor's assistance with some of the Township's problems.

Kamakshi Ranjan - 140 W. Englewood Avenue - Seventh grader in Benjamin Franklin Middle School - promoted the Go Green Project; spoke of the recent storm and the damage it caused to the trees; is willing to assist the Department of Public Works in compiling a list of the trees that were lost during the storm; once the list is compiled, she is willing to plot the location and devise a plan for planting the trees in the vicinity in which they were lost, requesting the assistance of the Shade Tree Advisory Board; went on to discuss the willingness of the students wishing to help in this endeavor.

There being no further persons wishing to speak at this time, the Mayor Feit declared that the public comment portion of the meeting was now closed.

Mayor Feit inquired whether any member of the Council wished to respond to the public comments or whether a member of the Council wished to remove any item from the Consent Agenda and have a separate discussion thereon.

DM. Parker responded to Ben Franklin student, Kamakshi Ranjan, stating that Council is grateful for the response of the students and their willingness to involve themselves in this project.

Mayor Feit indicated that the tree information is maintained by the Department of Public Works and suggested the students contact the Township Manager regarding any follow-up information.

C. Gussen recommended that the Shade Tree Advisory Board work with the students to accomplish their goals on this project.

Council discussed the possibility of adding another budget meeting in the near future.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed below are considered to be routine in nature by Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If any discussion is desired by Council, that particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

RAFFLES

RA #1267 - Center for Food Action - On-Premise 50/50 Raffle.

MINUTES

January 12, 2010 Closed Session Minutes - Approved for Content Only.  
February 3, 2010 Budget Meeting Minutes (C. Hameeduddin - absent).  
March 3, 2010 Budget Meeting Minutes (C. Hameeduddin - absent).  
March 9, 2010 Open Session Minutes.  
March 23, 2010 Open Session Minutes.

RESOLUTIONS

82-10. Authorize Issuance of Purchase Order - Warnock Automotive, Inc.  
83-10. Authorize Appointments to the Site Plan Review Advisory Board.  
84-10. Endorse Submission of Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant Application.  
85-10. Authorize Creation of Emergency Temporary Appropriations.  
86-10. Authorize Termination of Performance Guarantee - 1153 East Laurelton Parkway.  
87-10. Amend 2010 Meeting Schedule - Add Open Session Meeting - May 12, 2010.  
88-10. Identify and Reserve Sites for 100% Municipally Sponsored Affordable Housing Development.  
89-10. Authorize Refund of 2007 and 2008 Sewer Fees.  
90-10. Authorize Refund of 2009 Tax Overpayments.  
91-10. Amend 2010 Meeting Schedule - Add Special Meeting - April 22, 2010.

BILL LIST

Ms. Evelina read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$ 9,740,912.29)

C. Gussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, and Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as it has been posted on the bulletin board all day, except Resolution #91-10 - Amend 2010 Meeting Schedule - Add Special Meeting - April 22, 2010. Seconded by C. Hameeduddin.

Mayor Feit called on Ms. Evelina for a roll-call vote.

ROLL CALL

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Toffler

Abstained: C. Katz - (check 157730)  
Res. #90-10 - Authorize Refund of 2009 Tax Overpayments.

Mayor Feit declared said items are passed.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Fair Trade Ordinance.

DM. Parker suggested Council move forward with a five-minute presentation scheduled for next meeting. Council concurred.

## NEW BUSINESS

Council discussed scheduling an additional meeting on April 22, 2010, to begin at 7:00 p.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS

1. Meadowlands Conservation Trust - Pomander Walk Earth Day Event.

Manager will be notified on the 662 Pomander Walk Earth Day Event.

2. Senator Loretta Weinberg - North Bergen Zoning Ordinance.

As per Mr. Rupp; limitations on variances do not address time or decision rules.

3. The Gate of Heaven Church - Request for Road Signs.

C. Katz expressed concerns about the sign congestion on Route 4; overall, council had no issue with adding signs.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

1. A Social Service Fair will be held at the Eugene Coleman School on April 14, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

2. In January 2010, the Youth Advisory Board held a Forum and would like to schedule a meeting with council to discuss the issues that were raised; Youth Advisory Board will be added to the May 25, 2010 Agenda.

3. Resources, Education and Awareness, Latinos (R.E.A.L.); a Community Group in Town would like to have a brief presentation with Council before they have their community event on May 16, 2010; they would like to come in before the event to introduce themselves to Council, formally.

## COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Youth Advisory Board - Interview Process (DM. Parker).

Applicants will be interviewed during this school year; the interview policy will then be reviewed in September 2010, when the new board is appointed.

2. United Water and PSE&G Work Communications (C. Katz).

A copy of the City of Englewood's ordinance will be distributed to the Council for review after which an ordinance will be adopted by the Township.

3. Holy Name Hospital - Taxing Rentable Space (C. Katz).

C. Katz is holding the third item.

4. DM. Parker received a letter from a resident requesting that Council look into proposing an ordinance preventing homeowners from cutting shade trees located on their property for no reason; Council did not concur.

## TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

## TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. A resolution designating sites for affordable housing will be put in for resubmission on April 15, 2010.

2. Council previously requested an ordinance relating to fire alarms; the ordinance has been prepared and will be distributed to the Clerk's Office for review by Council prior to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION # 322-09

Hereby amended to change the 2010 Township Council Meeting schedule are as follows: to add a School Budget Review Meeting; the Teaneck Township Council has added a School Budget Review Meeting on Thursday, April 22, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Gussen moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:54 p.m. Seconded by C. Honis.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Toffler.