

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION MEETING OF
THE TEANECK TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2010

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

ROLL CALL

Present: C. Gussen, C. Hameeduddin, DM. Parker (8:15 p.m.), C. Katz, C. Toffler, Mayor Feit.

Absent: C. Honis.

Also Present: S. Turitz - Ferrara, Turitz, Harraka, & Goldberg, Esqs; W. Broughton, Township Manager; L. Aportela-Hernandez, Municipal Clerk, C. Loschiavo, Senior Clerk; I. Abbasi, Executive Assistant.

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.

HEARING ON THE 2010 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010.

Mayor Feit declared that the hearing on the 2010 Municipal Budget open for the public to come forward and state their names and addresses for the record. Comments were limited to five minutes per person.

Joan Davis, 976 Alpine Drive- Discussed concerns with "other expenses"; debt being undertaken by the Township; staffing for the Engineering Department; consulting engineers; the environment; and energy conversation.

Howard Rose, 575 Northumberland Road- asked Council about 1) Board of Education for 2010; 2) the percentage increase in said year's budget; and 3) the Municipal budget cap for 2010. What was the percentage increase in said year's budget?

Mildred Tucker, 72 Shepard Avenue- referenced a recent article from northjersey.com regarding the process of hiring the Township's auditor. She also questioned the requirements for the Township's Pay-to-Play Ordinance and the process by which contractors are hired.

Fred Thompson, member of the Ardsley Court Block Association- discussed the drainage system on Ardsley Court and inquired about the possibility of resurfacing Ardsley Court due to damage caused by a lack of drainage.

There having been no further persons who wished to speak, Mayor Feit declared that the hearing on the 2010 Municipal Budget was closed.

Mayor Feit inquired whether any member of the Council or the Manager wished to respond to the public comments.

Mayor Feit clarified that "other expenses" in the budget is the entire operating budget and is not specific to one department. He further clarified that Ward Plaza improvements are paid for by Troubled Asset Relief Program (hereafter referred to as TARP) funds and not by the Teaneck

residents; and that the artificial turf was not being purchased at this time, but is being studied. Mayor Feit commented that the cap on budgets is 4 % for both the Municipal and School budget and explained that the Township's Pay-to-Play ordinance is extremely strict due to its restriction on contractors donating to both local and county officials. He further described Mr. Ferrioli's experience as the Township's Auditor and the monetary savings realized by the Township under his tenure.

Township Manager Broughton explained that Ardsley Court will be resurfaced shortly and that Tryon Avenue from Rensselaer to Fairfield Avenue will be re-surfaced in the near future as well.

C. Toffler explained her decision regarding the Board of Education's budget. She addressed the article concerning the auditor and asked Council to make a concerted effort to find a new auditor.

C. Katz discussed cuts made to the Municipal Budget in recent years; the selling of Township owned property; and the restructuring of the Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department. He stated that Council has been active and positively aggressive in the Municipal budget process by raising revenue and finding ways to spend money appropriately.

DM. Parker stated that in regards to the School Budget, she already stated publically that she did not support the 6.1 million dollar cut and feels that this was irresponsible. Over the past four years, Council has looked carefully at the Municipal Budget and has made significant cuts, but not all at one time. She reminded Council that when the Council previously introduced the Municipal Budget with a zero percent increase, the Council saw the ramifications of this on the following year. She stated that "no increase costs" are irresponsible. With respect to the auditor, she had an extensive conversation with Joe Ax, Reporter for *The Record*. She advised the public that law provides that the municipality must have a financial auditor. She stated that she would not have supported any payment to the auditor if it was not required and according to law. She advised that the Council has looked into hiring another auditor. She stated that it is not fair for the public to think that the Council was partaking in any illegal action or questioning Council's integrity.

C. Hameeduddin explained that to have a significant tax increase, layoffs would be necessary and he did not believe there were four votes in favor of layoffs. He also discussed the increase in the Township's medical premiums; the Township's position in relation to the cap; and felt that this was the best budget the Council could put together this year.

C. Gussen discussed items purchased under the "other expenses" line item; the Ardsley Court drainage program going underway shortly; the budget being under the cap with exceptions; his position on the Municipal budget; the School Board's tax levy; and his work with the Municipal budget in his tenure on Council.

DM. Parker clarified that layoffs of employees would also result in the loss of services to the public.

DM. Parker made a motion to adopt the 2010 Budget by way of Resolution #134-10. Seconded by C. Toffler.

Mayor Feit called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: C. Gussen.

Absent: C. Honis.

Mayor Feit declared that the 2010 Budget was duly adopted.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Feit recognized former Mayor Jacqueline Kates in attendance.

1. TVAC.

Paul Alexander shared a story about a recent TVAC call and presented the following awards.

CPR Save Awards were distributed to the following members of TVAC:

Dorothy Costello, Roseanne Rauch, Freda Ready, Jesina Martinez, Steve Boak, Moshe Miller, Fernando Medina, Brendan Tracy, Andrew Rosler, Michael Rothschild, Ariel Douek.

Stork Delivery Awards were distributed to the following members of TVAC:
Fred Garcia, Amanda Davis, Kenny Karcsztark, JD Watson, Leonard Ash.

The Lifetime Member Award was distributed to Paul Alexander.

Mayor Feit and C. Katz thanked the Ambulance Corps for their efforts every day of the year and reminded the public that members are volunteers who are not compensated monetarily.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

The Clerk read the Ordinances by title only.

ORDINANCE #4184 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 36, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE. (*Installation of STOP signs at the intersection of Elm Avenue and Beverly Road*)

ORDINANCE #4185 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11-27 OF ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK EXEMPTING CERTAIN NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS FROM PAYMENT OF THE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONSTRUCTION FEES.

Mayor Feit inquired as to whether any member of the Council had any comments with respect to these Ordinances prior to opening the public hearing.

None.

Mayor Feit declared that the public hearings on the above ordinances were open. Any members of the public who wished to be heard on any of said ordinances or to ask questions concerning said ordinances came forward and stated their names and addresses for the record. Comments and questions were limited to five minutes per person.

Joan Davis, 976 Alpine Drive- spoke about Ordinance 4185; the Township maintaining its safety standards; and the effect of such exemptions on the proposed regulations.

No further persons wished to speak concerning said ordinances, and Mayor Feit declared that the public hearings on these ordinances were closed.

Mayor Feit stated that Ordinance 4185 affected fees only.

Mayor Feit inquired whether any member of the Council had any comments respecting these ordinances.

C. Gussen described the nature of Ordinance 4185 and its effect on the fee structure.

C. Gussen moved to pass Ordinance #s 4184 and 4185 on second and final reading and adopt. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to advertise same according to law. Seconded by C. Katz.

There being no further comments, Mayor Feit called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Honis.

Mayor Feit declared that said ordinances were duly adopted.

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

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.

Howard Rose, 575 Northumberland Road- discussed the dismantling of the Financial Advisory Board (FAB) and its status; expressed interest in helping reinvigorate the FAB; and asked the Council to utilize the FAB.

Jordan Wouk, Chairman HRGAB, New York- requested two signs to aid in identifying the entrance to the Riverside section of the Greenway; hoped that the Council would approve the signs and possibly move it up on the agenda; and also discussed the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps and his intention to bring forward issues of sloping on the Greenway to the Hackensack River Greenway Advisory Board.

Mayor Feit recognized Councilman-Elect Yitz Stern's arrival to the meeting.

The following individuals came forward to support Deputy Mayor Parker for Mayor upon the reorganization of the Township Council on July 1, 2010.

Gloria Wilson - 1654 Ardsley Court
Lillian Lewis- Ardsley Court
Genevieve Stanislaw - 1674 Fairfield Street
Jackie Grindrod - Terhune Street
Leslie McKeon - 130 Copley Avenue
Margaret White - 50 Golf Court
Ron Costello - 229 Shepard Avenue
Mildred Tucker - 72 Shepard Avenue
Estina Baker - Bergen County NAACP President
Laura Zucker - 62 Hillside Avenue
Joan Davis - 976 Alpine Drive
Jacqueline Kates - Columbus Drive
Angela Taylor - 412 Johnson Street
Clara Williams - 21 Stuyvesant Road
Belinda Nelson - 1170 Katherine Street
Ashley Edwards - 107 Voorhees Street

Genevieve Stanislaw, 1674 Fairfield Street- discussed her home's location on the border of Englewood and Teaneck; felt that her street is in need of re-pavement; inquired about the process for electing a Mayor during the reorganization meeting; and shared concerns regarding Teaneck Road, the atmosphere, cleanliness and loss of business at said location.

Jackie Grindrod, Terhune Street- suggested the Department of Public Works sweep streets after cars have left for work.

Leslie McKeon, 130 Copley Avenue- thanked Mayor Feit for his service as Mayor.

Ron Costello, 229 Shepard Avenue- thanked the Manager and Council for the beautiful paving of Shepard Avenue.

Mildred Tucker, 72 Shepard Avenue- thanked Mayor Feit for serving the Township as Mayor and wished him well in future endeavors; and she questioned Mr. Turitz on the requirement of resolutions to pay vendors who perform work for the Township.

Estina Baker, Bergen County NAACP President- discussed the volume of phone calls she received from senior residents regarding the Township Council; spoke on behalf of said senior residents and asked the Township and Council to select someone worthy of the position of Mayor.

Howard Preschel, 400 Cedar Lane, discussed his vote of four individuals; felt proud to have any of these individuals as Mayor; discussed a recent citation by the Building Department; and wished the next Mayor luck.

Laura Zucker, 62 Hillside Avenue- spoke about the recent divisiveness of the Township and past practices of selecting a Mayor.

Joan Davis, 976 Alpine Drive, discussed scenario of DM. Parker not being selected as Mayor; synthetic turf surface in Votee Park; restoring democracy; maintaining Township rugs; and the selling of bottled water.

Jacqueline Kates, Columbus Drive- expressed qualities and credentials of Deputy Mayor Parker for Mayor; including being the highest vote getter in the recent election.

Angela Taylor, 412 Thompson Street- addressed the Board of Education budget cuts; read a statement into the record hoping for future middle of the road budget cuts; and thanked Deputy Mayor Parker for supporting the youth through the Youth Advisory Board.

Clara Williams, 21 Stuyvesant Road, asked Council to share their position regarding the selection of Deputy Mayor Parker as Mayor at the Township's Reorganization meeting on July 1, 2010.

Belinda Nelson, 1170 Katherine Street- thanked Mayor Feit for his time served as Mayor; discussed recent campaign endorsements by other councilmembers; and asked the Council to elect Deputy Mayor Parker as Mayor at the July 1, 2010 Reorganization meeting.

Ashley Edwards, 107 Voorhees Street- spoke in favor of an artificial turf field at Votee Park; and shared her positive experiences playing on artificial turf.

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

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

Mayor Feit addressed and explained the process for determining the next Mayor and Deputy Mayor. He clarified that the highest vote getter becoming Mayor is a tradition and not a rule.

C. Gussen discussed the FAB; could not envision a process in which the FAB could be functional; clarified his endorsement for other members of the Council, but did not endorse anyone for Mayor; discussed voting results and examples of incumbent Mayors in the past becoming Mayor without the greatest number of votes in an election; discussed the lack of support from Councilmembers who did not support him; and the decision to elect a Mayor will be done with research and diligence.

C. Hameeduddin agreed with C. Gussen's comments regarding the dissolving of the Financial Advisory Board; addressed the revitalization of Teaneck Road; and stated that Manager Broughton applied for an appropriations earmark with Congressman Steve Rothman's office.

C. Gussen spoke of the Financial Advisory Board's gathering of comparative information for municipalities and suggested listing said topic as a Council listed item for a future meeting.

C. Hameeduddin shared his recent experiences about his walk of the Hackensack River Greenway with DeAnn Ipp and again with Jordan Wouk. He recommended having the Township Manager look into the individuals hanging around the facility to ensure there is no danger to our residents.

DM. Parker shared her thoughts about the failure of the Financial Advisory Board and the reasons for its short comings; referenced the success of the Youth Advisory Board and expressed her appreciation to the community for all of the support she received at tonight's meeting; and discussed her support for members of the public who ran for Council; and the Unity Party.

C. Katz shared feelings about the Financial Advisory Board; felt that the Council should work closer with the Board of Education to share services; supported not reappointing the Financial Advisory Board; supported Mayor Feit to put together a committee to strengthen ties with the Board of Education; spoke about his support for the revitalization and enhancement of Teaneck Road and its priority for the next Council's agenda; spoke about the decision regarding the next Mayor and Deputy Mayor; and the concept of changing the form of government undertaken a few years ago that found the current form of government to be probably one of the best forms.

C. Toffler spoke about the Financial Advisory Board and her recent conversation with their Chair, Joseph Steinberg; proclaimed her support to select Deputy Mayor Parker as the Township's next Mayor; recalled a conversation with C. Katz after the 2008 election regarding her being selected to the position of Mayor given her status as the highest vote getter that year; stated that it would be inappropriate for her at that time being a first time councilmember to take on the position of Mayor, regardless of the amount of votes she received; and ended by re-affirming her support for Deputy Mayor Parker as the next Mayor.

C. Gussen asked the Township Manager to comment on the street sweeping schedule.

Mr. Broughton informed Council that he would check the schedule and report back to Council, but gave a brief synopsis of the present scheduling of street cleaning. He will speak with Public Works Superintendent, Fran Wilson, on this item. He also added that he will evaluate Fairfield Street for road repairs.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

- #135-10. Authorize Renewal of Club Liquor Licenses.
- #136-10. Authorize Renewal of Retail Consumption Liquor Licenses.
- #137-10. Authorize Renewal of Retail Distribution Liquor Licenses.
- #138-10. Authorize Submission of 2010 Green Communities Grant.
- #139-10. Ratify Payments - CFO - May 2010.
- #140-10. Authorize Appointment to the Shade Tree Advisory Board.
- #141-10. Authorize Appointment to the Patriotic Observance Advisory Board.
- #142-10. Award Professional Services Contract - Gianforcaro - Votee Park Drainage Study.
- #143-10. Award Professional Services Contract - Innovative Engineering, Inc. - Library HVAC System.
- #144.10. Support Repeal of Kyleigh's Law.
- #145.10. Ratify Issuance of Emergency Purchase Order - Fleet Source, LLC.
- #146-10. Authorize Process of Payment for Acquisition of 640 River Road.
- #147-10. Authorize Refund of 2009 & 2010 Tax Overpayments - Various.
- #148-10. Deem Contract With BCUA (Pursuant to Resolution #130-10) Null & Void & Approve New Contract With BCUA - Disposal of Municipal Waste.

BILL LIST

The Clerk read the amount of the Bill List into the record. (\$ 7,979,452.66)

C. Gussen moved to approve the Consent Agenda, including Minutes, Resolutions, and Bill List, and to dispense with the reading of same inasmuch as was posted on the bulletin board all day. Seconded by C. Toffler.

Mayor Feit called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: None.

Abstained: C. Gussen (checks 158606 and 158649); DM. Parker (Res. #144-10, check 158585); C. Katz (bill list, Resolutions #135-10 and #136-10); Mayor Feit (check 158589).

Absent: C. Honis.

Mayor Feit declared said items were passed.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

C. Gussen moved that the following Ordinances be introduced and passed on first reading and that the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the required legal notice of the introduction thereof, together with a notice of the place, time, and date on which a public hearing will be held on said ordinances, and on which said ordinances will be considered for final adoption.

ORDINANCE 4186 - BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW RECYCLING TRUCKS, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF TEANECK, IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$630,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Seconded by C. Toffler.

Mayor inquired as to whether any Councilmember wished to comment upon the motion to introduce.

None.

There being no further comments, Mayor called on the Clerk for a roll-call vote.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: C. Honis.

Mayor Feit declared that said ordinances are duly introduced and passed on first reading.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Financial Advisory Board.

DM. Parker recommended letting the FAB sunset out on June 30th without reappointment on July 1, 2010. C. Gussen suggested that during the first meeting in July, Council should pass a

Resolution disbanding the board. C. Katz requested a letter be sent to the board members thanking them for their participation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Shared Services.

C. Hameeduddin suggested sharing gasoline with the Board of Education; and requested the Township Manager correspond with the Board of Education. Council concurred.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. HRGAB - Request for Additional Signs for Riverside Drive.

Council authorized manager to move ahead with purchase.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - COUNCIL LIAISONS

C. Gussen reported that Stuart Kahan of the Cedar Lane Management Group has decided to step down as Chairman. Karen Carecchio will become the new Chair. He further discussed a previous problem with the CLMG's attendance at meetings and asked those interested in serving on the CLMG to complete an application. DM. Parker reminded the audience that CLMG meetings take place at 8 a.m.

COUNCIL-LISTED ITEMS

1. Thank You for Mary Topolosky, Landscape Designer, Garden Club and Greenhouse (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler thanked Mary Topolosky, the Greenhouse and the Garden Club for their recent garden work and design in front of the library; and discussed the Garden Club's recent efforts to reduce energy by weather stripping their windows.

Mr. Broughton added that he plans on clearing out the opposite side of the Garden Club, which is the Township side, later in the year.

2. Gold Star Families License Plate Resolution (C. Toffler).

C. Toffler requested the Council pass a resolution supporting the Gold Star Families License Plate legislation be passed. The plates are issued to families who have lost a family member in the war. Council concurred.

C. Gussen supported this piece of legislation and discussed similar measures in other States.

3. Several Members on Municipal Boards (C. Katz).

C. Katz and C. Hameeduddin discussed the issue of board members serving on several Municipal Boards. C. Hameeduddin recommended limiting the number of boards volunteers serve on. DM. Parker did not support this suggestion and expressed that volunteers should be able to serve on multiple boards.

4. Outdoor Dining Partition (C. Katz).

C. Katz spoke about outdoor dining partitions and asked that the Building Department provide criteria for safety barriers to the merchants who want them in their outdoor dining partition.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Clean and Green.

Manager Broughton reported that on Saturday and Sunday, June 12th and 13th, a group of volunteers cleaned up various parks and the burial ground; and thanked all volunteers, the Deltas, the Girl Scouts and Bogota Savings Bank for their donation of t-shirts.

The campaign took place over the weekend cleaning out Argonne and Brooks Parks, as well as the Burial Ground. The Girl Scouts and the Delta's participated in the event. He thanked Bogota Savings Bank for donating t-shirts for this campaign.

2. Award from Department of Defense.

Manager reported that the Department of Defense recognized the Township's Fire Department Personnel who are serving in the military at a ceremony that he attended last week.

3. Building Department - Open House.

A tentative Building Department Open House is set for Tuesday, July 20th in the Council Chambers. This event will allow residents the opportunity to ask questions to the Construction Official on any household construction projects they are undertaking.

4. Shared Services.

Manager discussed the proposal for a shared services study between the Bogota and Teaneck Police Department. He met with the Administrator from Bogota last week and Chief Robert A. Wilson to discuss this pending agreement. He further added that funding for shared services studies were cut on the State level, however, the Prosecutor's Office may be able to fund the study with forfeiture moneys.

C. Katz further discussed the purpose of the Open House for the Building Department and requested a series of Open House events in the summer for residents.

Mr. Broughton is working on setting up a time for a Building Department official to discuss residents' building concerns at a scheduled time on a weekly basis.

TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY'S REPORT

S. Turitz reported that the Tree Ordinance is being researched at this time. The Emergency Services ordinance was recently submitted and Manager Broughton will follow-up.

Council will meet next Tuesday, June 22nd at 7 PM for a Closed Session meeting only to discuss the remaining items on tonight's Closed Session agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

C. Hameedudin moved to adjourn at 10:31 p.m. Seconded by Mayor Feit.

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

Opposed: None.

Absent: Honis.