

Municipal Building
1200 Mountain Avenue

January 6, 2009

A special meeting of the Council was held at the above place on the above date commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor
Council President:

Bob Schueler
Michael Class
Debra DeVuyst
Bob Edwards
Bob Gorr
Michael Venuto (absent)

Attorney:

Edward Johnson

Council President Schueler opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Special Meeting Notice of December 31, 2008.

- 2009 Council Liaison Appointments – Council President Schueler advised of the Liaison Appointments and Council Committees which are in effect at this time. Council President Schueler advised that these appointments can be changed when a Mayor is selected.

2009 Council Liaison Appointments

Councilman Edwards

Administration, Office on Aging, Legislation, License, Buildings & Grounds

Councilman Gorr

Finance, Taxation, Construction, Insurance, Code Enforcement

Councilman Schueler

Fire, OEM, Board of Health, Rescue Squad

Councilman Class

Police, Legal, Code Enforcement, Municipal Court

Councilwoman DeVuyst

Public Works, Parks, Sanitation, and Recycling

Councilman Venuto

Recreation, Recreation Fields, Water & Light

2009 Council Committees

Administration, Legislation, License, Building and Grounds

Robert Edwards, Robert Gorr, Debra DeVuyst

Finance, Taxation, Real Estate, Construction, and Insurance

Robert Gorr, Robert Schueler, Michael Class

Fire, Office of Emergency Management, Board of Health

Robert Schueler, Debra DeVuyst, Michael Venuto

Police, Legal, Code Enforcement, and Municipal Court

Michael Class, Robert Edwards, Michael Venuto

Public Works, Parks, Sanitation, and Recycling:

Debra DeVuyst, Robert Edwards, Robert Gorr

Recreation, Recreation Fields, Water and Light:

Michael Venuto, Robert Schueler, Michael Class

- 2009 Budget Overview – CFO attended meeting and submitted preliminary information regarding the 2009 budget. She indicated that at this time we are only working with the departmental budgets.

The CFO highlighted the following regarding the budget:

- (1) There is a shortfall in revenue
- (2) There will be no cap adjustment for health insurance and also no adjustment for the debt services this year.
- (3) The MCUA is down from last year (\$47,000).
- (4) The MCMJIF has increased 3.67 for 2009
- (5) The health insurances have increased by 4%.
- (6) Must increase the reserve for uncollected taxes
- (7) The anticipated revenue for this year is down \$1,168,000, (\$500,000 was County Grant & \$100,000 was extraordinary aid).
- (8) Surplus is estimated at \$900,000, (down about \$300,000 from last year)
- (9) The Borough is now over the 4% cap.

Council President Schueler suggested that the Council look at the budget and seek answers from the Department Heads regarding their wants and needs. He feels that we are going to have to take a closer look at the budget then we did in the past.

- Stimulus Bill Projects – Kate Britell attended the meeting and requested suggestions from Council for this package. Council agreed to have the engineer prepare a package with a cost estimate to include the following items:
 - (1) Reconstruction of Starlit Drive/Washington Avenue
 - (2) Reconstruction of Mountain Avenue
 - (3) HVAC System for Administration Building
 - (4) Fire Headquarters – Pre-fab Building

Council President Schueler opened the public portion of the meeting.

Sean Kaplan, 916 Dorn Avenue suggested that the council consider including the water line infrastructure for Lincoln Boulevard in the Stimulus package. Borough Engineer Kate Britell indicated that since the water line is not directly owned by the Borough, she feels that we would not be eligible to receive funds from the Stimulus package.

Seeing that there was no further public participation, Council President Schueler closed the public portion of the meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Councilman Gorr and seconded by Councilman Edwards and carried by unanimous vote of Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Anello, RMC
Borough Clerk