



MINUTES
BOROUGH OF EMERSON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
March 30, 2010
7:30 P.M.
Borough Hall-Council Chambers
Emerson, NJ 07630



I. Call to Order

Mayor Lamatina called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Former Councilman Brian Todd led the salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence at the request of Mayor Lamatina.

O.P.M.A. Statement

Mayor Lamatina read the Sunshine Statement announcing that the Special Meeting of March 30, 2010 had been duly noticed and was in compliance to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Further, that notice had been emailed on March 25, 2010 to the Record and Ridgewood News; posted on the bulletin board in the Borough Hall, Municipal Place, Emerson, NJ 07630 and had remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute.

Roll Call:

Mayor Louis J. Lamatina-Present
Councilman Steven Bair –Present
Councilman Browne – Arrived at 7:40 p.m.
Councilman Hoffman – Present
Council President Lazar- Present
Councilman Rivers – Present
Councilman Shaw – Present

Also present were Borough Clerk Carol Dray, Borough Attorney Phil Boggia, and Business Administrator Joseph Scarpa.

II. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 2010 Municipal Budget – Mayor Lamatina requested that the meeting agenda be changed to go to Closed Session.

III. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION - Resolution No. 69-10

☛ **Motion** to go into an executive session to discuss matters exempt from the public as duly noticed by Resolution No. 69-10 was **moved** by Councilman Hoffman, **seconded** by Council President Lazar and carried by roll call vote.

RC: Council members:

Rivers-Yes
Bair-Yes
Lazar-Yes
Hoffman-Yes
Shaw-Yes

#10-3/30-08 Budget-Driven Departmental Staff
& Benefits Reconfigurations N.J.S.A. 10:4-8

IV. RECONVENE

☞ **Motion** to reconvene was **moved** by Council President Lazar, **seconded** by Councilman Bair and carried.

☞ **Motion** to authorize Mayor Lamatina to execute the PBA Local No 206 Contract Bargaining Agreement for the period of January 1, 200–December 31, 2012 with the understanding that the changes to the group employee health plan, the terms of which are not included in the new contract, would be accepted by the bargaining unit without challenge being made was **moved** by Council President Lazar, **seconded** by Councilman Shaw and carried by roll call vote.

RC: Council members:

Browne-Yes
Rivers-Yes
Bair-Yes
Lazar-Yes
Hoffman-Yes
Shaw-Yes

☞ **Motion** to eliminate the part-time Property Maintenance Officer position; eliminate the Recreation Secretary position commencing July 1, 2010 and to enter into a shared service agreement with the Borough of Old Tappan for the Court Administrator was **moved** by Council President Lazar, **seconded** by Councilman Rivers and carried by roll call vote.

RC: Council members:

Browne-Yes
Rivers-Yes
Bair-Yes
Lazar-Yes
Hoffman-Yes
Shaw-Yes

Mayor Lamatina returned to Unfinished Business to discuss the 2010 Municipal Budget and announced that the proposed budget was revised and will be introduced on April 6th. Mr. Scarpa reviewed a sheet that he had distributed which detailed the various changes. He noted that changing to the State health plan would put the Borough right at the tax cap and added that they were below the spending cap. He added that a full time Court position had been made part time; the Zoning Board had been eliminated, an interlocal agreement for shared services for the Court and the CFO were implemented and discussed the cuts in state aid as well as huge increases in pension contributions and the sewer bill. The Governing Body also reviewed capital improvements, potential road projects and engineering for the widening of Kinderkamack Road. Councilman Rivers added that some council members had agreed not to take their 2010 stipends. Ms. Henderson said that she would require written correspondence from anyone agreeing to forgo their salary.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Before opening the meeting for comments from the public, Mayor Lamatina reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones, keep their comments as brief as possible and try to limit them only to governmental issues of concern to an Emerson resident. He further requested that if a subject matter was addressed and answered, to please refrain from repeating it unless they had something new to contribute. A five-minute rule was in effect for each speaker at the discretion of the Council. Mayor Lamatina asked that everyone do their part to be civil, to the point and respectful of another's point of view and opinion. He further warned that speaking out without recognition would not be tolerated and a second warning could result in removal from the Council Chambers.

☞ **Motion** to open the meeting for comments from the public was **moved** by Councilman Hoffman, **seconded** by Councilman Lazar and carried.

Brian Todd, 207 Palisade Avenue asked about the Borough's pension contribution requirements. He also discussed Council member stipends. He noted that he did not take the salary during his last year as a Councilman but had the first two years. Councilman Rivers explained that it would be an individual decision.

Seeing no more hands, Mayor Lamatina asked for a motion to close the meeting to comments from the public.

☞ **Motion** to close the meeting to comments from the public was **moved** by Councilman Bair, **seconded** by Councilman Hoffman and carried at 8:33 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to address, at the request of the Mayor, Councilman Rivers **moved** to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Council President Lazar and carried at 8:35 p.m.

Carol Dray, Borough Clerk
(Proofed 5/14/10)

March 31, 2010