

March 16, 2010

The Township Committee met on the above date and Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was taken showing present: Mayor Brian J. Kelly, Deputy Mayor Lawrence H. Durr and Committeeman Michael J. Hlubik. Also present was Elizabeth Garcia of the Township Attorney's office. The Open Public Meetings Act statement was read and compliance noted.

On a motion by Mr. Hlubik and second by Mr. Durr, the Committee approved Resolution 2010-3-14 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the proposed contract with the Chesterfield Township FOP. All agreed. The Committee entered Executive Session at 6:32 PM.

The Committee resumed open session at 8:00 PM. Elizabeth Garcia left the meeting and Caryn Hoyer, Township Treasurer joined the Township Committee for a budget discussion.

Mayor Kelly asked Caryn and the Township Clerk to look over the departmental requests and determine what the savings would be if all departments were allotted only the amount actually spent in 2009.

The requests for outside organizations were reviewed and the following decisions were made:

Community Association will remain at \$14,000, down from their \$15,126 request
Historical Society \$3,000 allocation will be cut.
Keenagers will remain at \$1,000 - down from their \$1500 request
Emergency Squad allocation will be \$14,500 - subtracting \$1500 from their request
Library will be allocated \$18,000 - \$2,000 increase from last year, \$2000 decrease from their request

It was suggested that the Land Use Secretary's position is truly a part time position and should be reduced to a part time position, with the other duties performed in that office divided up among other employees. The Dog Registrar's duties will be offered to the Police Department Secretary at an annual salary of \$1,000. Planning Board and Environmental Commission Secretary will become part time at an annual salary of \$7500 with the actual hours to be determined.

Mr. Durr explained the meeting with a contractor concerning the concession building for the CTAA as well as a new municipal building. The Clerk was instructed to contract the CTAA and request a time frame for their decision concerning the concession building.

It was decided that the amount of \$96,000 in the capital improvement budget for down payments on capital improvements will be increased to \$125,000.

The following salary adjustments will be made:

All employees, with the exception of Police Officers will receive a 2% increase.
The Police Chief will receive a 2% increase plus a \$3,000 increase
The Salary for the Deputy Tax Assessor will be set at \$3,000 per year.
Township Committee salaries will be reduced from \$7,000 to \$6,500.

The Township Committee will hold a special meeting Tuesday, March 23, 2010 beginning at 6:30 PM to have a discussion with the Police Department about the budget concerns that the Township is facing as a whole and the issues the Committee faced during the recent negotiations. The Police Department will be asked to attend this meeting without representation. A final budget discussion will also be held that evening.

On a motion by Mr. Durr and second by Mr. Hlubik, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM. All agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J. Haines, RMC
Township Clerk