

Egg Harbor Township Committee

Special Meeting

Wednesday, July 28, 2010, 5 p.m.

3515 Bargaintown Road

Egg Harbor Township NJ 08234

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:08 p.m. by Mayor McCullough.

Deputy Township Clerk Perez read the opening statement pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call

John Carman Jr – present

Stanley Glassey – present

Paul Hodson – present

John Risley – arrived at 5:13 p.m.

James J. McCullough -- present

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance

Purpose

Mayor McCullough announced that the purpose of this special meeting is to adopt the 2010 Municipal Budget and act upon any other business that may come before Township Committee.

2010 Municipal Budget

Motion Hodson, second Carman to remove Resolution 275 from the table. Resolution 275 entitled “Resolution authorizing adoption of the 2010 Municipal Budget”

Roll Call Vote: Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes McCullough - yes

Motion Glassey, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 301: A Resolution to amend the 2010 Budget

Roll Call Vote: Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes McCullough - yes

Motion Glassey, second Hodson to adopt Resolution 275: A Resolution authorizing the adoption of the 2010 Municipal Budget, as amended

Roll Call Vote: Carman - yes Glassey - yes Hodson - yes McCullough - yes

Mayor McCullough provided a brief overview of the 2010 budget.

Committeeman John Risley arrived at this time (5:13 p.m.)

Public Comment

- Malcolm Brown, 102 Hospitality Drive. Mr. Brown spoke about the increase in his taxes and requested an explanation. Mayor McCullough provided him with an explanation as to how his taxes are broken out and why he is seeing an increase.
- Bob Swartz, 106 Bishop Court. Spoke about living in Egg Harbor Township for over 40 years. Egg Harbor Township residents are spoiled. As bad as this winter was, his road was plowed. He passes the Department of Public Works every morning at 6:30 a.m. and sees the employees already picking up trash. The Township is fortunate to have volunteers serving and the employees it has working for them.
- Auditor Swartz provided the Township Committee with an “fyi” that next year the budget process will be worse. He advised the Township Committee that the process for next year’s budget should have started two weeks ago. He spoke about the caps being hard caps and that there would not be the option of going to the Local Finance Board to ask for exceptions. The only exception would be a referendum. The Township could go to the voters in January or March of 2011.
- Mayor McCullough predicted that the Township will go to referendum. He doesn’t see any other way if the taxpayers want the same services and same law enforcement people.
- Committeeman Risley proposed that the Township get together soon in order to plan to see what we are looking at for next year’s budget.
- John McCloy, 101 Hospitality Drive. Mr. McCloy stated his unhappiness with the tax situation. He wanted to know what the Township’s responsibility is with regard to a defeated school budget.
- Mayor McCullough spoke about the referendum which will cut services, but will not cut your taxes.
- Committeeman Hodson spoke about the schools and the growth in the Township which resulted in more students with less money from the state.
- Auditor Swartz spoke about the state designating Egg Harbor Township as a growth zone which forced a significant growth which brings more children to the school system which resulted in the schools expansion.
- James Garvis, Mill Road. Mr. Garvis had one question for the auditor regarding the 7 cent tax increase from the schools. Is that something that the Township will have to worry about year after year? Auditor Swartz replied that the only worry would be the year immediately preceding and the current year.
- Malcolm Brown, 102 Hospitality Drive. Mr. Brown asked if the rate changes, does the new

rate get applied to his assessment.

Motion Glassey, second Carman to close the public comment portion of the meeting.

Vote: All members present voted yes.

Closed Session

There was no closed Session

Committee Reports

There were no Committee reports.

Adjournment

There being no further business, motion Carman, second Glassey to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 p.m.

Vote: All members presented voted yes.

James J. McCullough, Mayor

Olga A. Perez, RMC, Deputy Township Clerk

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