

**MINUTES OF “SPECIAL/CLOSED MEETING OF
THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2010, 6:01 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The “Special/Closed Meeting” as defined in the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, as authorized by the resolution duly adopted at the April 15, 2010 Special/Closed Meeting, was called to order by Mayor H. Scott Rosenbush at 6:01 P.M., in the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue, Morris Township, New Jersey.

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ATTENDANCES

The following attendances were noted:

ELECTED OFFICERS

GOVERNING BODY

Mayor H. Scott Rosenbush
Deputy Mayor Daniel W. Caffrey
Township Committee Member Ronald M. Goldberg
Township Committee Member Bruce D. Sisler
Township Committee Member Raymond L. Snyder

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Cathleen Amelio, Township Clerk
John M. Mills, III, Township Attorney
Fred J. Rossi, Township Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT

Sue Aceto, Tax Assessor
Audrey Adams, Tax Collector
Kevin Breen, Health Administrator
Julia Hasbrough, CFO
Albert Mastrobattista, CCO
James Slate, Township Engineer
William Foelsch, Director, Parks & Recreation
Craig Goss, Fire Chief
Timothy Quinn, Police Chief
Mark Howarth, Superintendent, WPCU
Timothy O'Dell, Assistant Superintendent, WPCU
Karen Carman, Qualified Purchasing Agent
Thomas Eschmann, Assistant Superintendent, Roads and Sanitation
Fred Knapp, Esq., Township Labor Attorney
Jeff Gast, FMBA
Michael Nunn, FMBA
Karen Swetz, Council 6
Melissa Berger, Council 6
William O'Connor, Council 6
Brian Markt, PBA
Chris Vargas-Vila, PBA
Douglas Turner, PBA
Thomas Manning, SOA
David Flynn, Roads and Sanitation
Donald Morong, Roads and Sanitation
Fred Webber, Roads and Sanitation
William Brady, Roads and Sanitation

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PRESIDING OFFICER'S STATEMENT OF DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mayor H. Scott Rosenbush announced that in accordance with the resolution adopted this date authorizing the conducting of this "Closed Meeting", discussion would be limited to "Personnel Matters".

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78 -10 RE: AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCTING OF A "CLOSED MEETING" AS DEFINED IN THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT CONCERNING "LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS"

WHEREAS, this meeting is a duly and properly called meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Morris and adequate notice has been given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act", and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that this Governing Body consider matters involving "Legal and Personnel Matters", exceptions in the "Open Public Meetings Act", and which this Governing Body determines should be discussed at a "Closed Meeting".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Morris as follows:

That this body shall conduct a "Closed Meeting" concerning the above-expected matters, which are exceptions set forth in the said act, and upon which a public disclosure will be made as expeditiously as possible; said meeting to be held during a recess of this Regular Meeting at the Municipal Building, 50 Woodland Avenue.

ROLL CALL: MR. CAFFREY YES MR. SISLER YES
MR. GOLDBERG YES MR. SNYDER YES
MAYOR ROSENBUSH YES

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6:00 P.M. MAYOR ROSENBUSH SUMMARIZED TO THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE THE PRESENTATION THAT WILL BE GIVEN TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES

7:00 P.M. to 8 P.M. Mayor Rosenbush summarized the state of the Township fiscally and how to proceed; explained the numerous tax appeals which resulted in lower collection rate; reserve depletion; budget needs to be reduced by \$3.25 million dollars. The Mayor advised the department heads the need for their help during this difficult fiscal budget. The departments know where their costs are. Explained the reduction needed; 4% levy cap mandated by law; asked for suggestions as to how to help balance the 2010 budget, no matter how small, ideas are welcomed. Please submit to Mr. Rossi by April 23, 2010.

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8:00-9:00 P.M. - UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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POTENTIAL BUDGET ACTIONS: COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

Reduce capital expenditures.
Reduce operating expenses.

Reduce salary obligations:
1. Announced retirements (no filling)
2. Eliminate scheduled OT.
3. Reduce obligation-furlough and/or layoffs

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be considered, on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously adopted, the Special/Closed Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

CATHLEEN AMELIO, TOWNSHIP CLERK

DATED: APRIL 27, 2010