

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Oceanport, New Jersey
May 13, 2010

The Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law at 7:00 p.m. Notices of this meeting were forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, the Star Ledger and the LINK News on May 7, 2010. In addition, a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on aforementioned date. Notice on the bulletin board has remained continuously posted.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilpersons Bertekap, Briscione, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle (entered at 7:06 pm and Mayor Mahon

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Borough Clerk/Administrator, Kimberly A. Jungfer and Chris Ackerman on behalf of Borough Attorney John O. Bennett III

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Mahon led the audience and members of the Council in the flag salute

1. Resolution certifying the tax levy for Shore Regional High School for 2010/2011.
2. Resolution certifying the tax levy for Oceanport School District for 2010/2011.

Mayor Mahon stated if no one had any objections he would take the Agenda out of order and began with the second item. As there were no objections, Mayor Mahon asked for a report from the Chair of the Oceanport School District Committee.

Councilman Irace reported that he along with Councilpersons Bertekap and Gallo met with three members of the Oceanport Board of Education on two occasions and then gave a statement and summary of the process to address the defeated school budget by the voters. Councilman Irace stated that their concern was that of the students and considered this when discussing possible cuts for recommendation including cuts in administration, elimination of expenses associated with moving classrooms, teacher cuts, shared services, cuts in transportation costs and wage freezes. Councilman Irace thanked the teachers that voted to accept a wage freeze in what was a very difficult budget year but supported their approving vote to return \$50,000 of funding given for tuition reimbursement. Councilman Irace concluded by stating that everyone worked to the best of their ability to serve the residents of Oceanport.

Mayor Mahon opened the meeting to the public on that Resolution only.

Bill McVitty, Eatontown Blvd., commented that it was a painful process and that they understood the other side and thanked the Council for hearing what they had to say and that both parties were in a tough spot and thanked everyone for working so well to resolve the matter.

As there was no one else from the public that wished to be heard, Mayor Mahon closed that portion of the meeting.

Councilman Irace made a motion to approve the Resolution certifying the tax levy for Oceanport School District for 2010/2011 which was seconded by Councilman Bertekap.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Bertekap, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: Briscione
ABSENT: None

Mayor Mahon asked for a report from Councilwoman Kahle, Chair of the Shore Regional School District Committee.

Councilwoman Kahle gave a summary of the items that were reviewed and areas that were already shared or consolidated such as eliminating multiple business administrators, sharing preschool for the handicapped. Councilwoman Kahle continued that they would recommend continued review of regionalization for services such as having one Business office for the regional district, one Superintendent for the regional district and consolidating from the top without effecting education. She also identified one area of concern that was shared regarding the different levels of education that each town has going into Shore Regional, i.e., some have a stronger background in language, or stronger in math and that curriculum was not equalized amongst the sending towns and that would be another area to focus on sharing.

Councilman Irace commented that the preschool was going back to Wolf Hill School.

Mayor Mahon opened the meeting to the public on that Resolution only. As there was no one from the public that wished to be heard, Mayor Mahon closed that portion of the meeting.

Councilwoman Kahle made a motion to approve the Resolution certifying the tax levy for Oceanport School District for 2010/2011 which was seconded by Councilman Johnson.

The Clerk called roll:

AYES: Bertekap, Briscione, Gallo, Irace, Johnson, Kahle
NAYES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mayor Mahon thanked the Committees for their work and each of those school board members present and school teachers present for their participation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mayor Mahon opened the meeting to the public for comment and as there was no one from the public to be heard closed that portion of the meeting.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m. on a motion by Councilwoman Kahle, which was seconded by Councilman Johnson and approved by Council.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOROUGH CLERK