

The February 5, 2005 Special Meeting of the West Milford Township Council was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Council President William Gervens.

Council President Gervens advised that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Workshop meeting was advertised in the Herald News in its issue of January 10, 2005; copies were provided to the Suburban Trends, The Record, the Star Ledger, and Greenwood Lake News and posted continuously on the bulletin board in the main corridor of the Town Hall and on file in the Office of the Township Clerk.

### **Roll Call**

Present: Councilmembers Joseph Elcavage, Robert Nolan, James Warden, Carmen Scangarello and Council President William Gervens.

Absent: Councilmember Paul Bailey and Mayor Joseph DiDonato.

Also Present: Township Administrator Richard Kunze, Township Clerk Kevin J. Byrnes, Township Treasurer Arthur Magnotti, Township Engineer Richard McFadden, Fire Official Mike Woch, Fire Commissioner Ed Steines, DPW Director Jerry Storms, Construction Official Kurt Wagner, Police Chief James Dykstra and Captain Andrew Russo and Recreation Director Renee Palermo.

### **Purpose**

Review of the proposed 2005 Municipal Budget.

Formal action may be taken at this meeting.

### **Review of 2005 Municipal Budget**

Township Chief Financial Officer explained the 2005 Capital Budget form.

Township Administrator Richard Kunze reviewed the Capital requests for 2005.

Township Construction Officer Kurt Wagner explained that his request for a four-wheel drive pickup is because his department is currently down two vehicles and the newest vehicle is a 1990.

Township Engineer Richard McFadden and DPW Director Jerry Storms addressed the Council regarding the 2005 Road Resurfacing Program.

Councilman Joseph Elcavage entered the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Township Engineer Richard McFadden reviewed the following costs

- \* Impact on the road resurfacing project budget which the new State stormwater regulations will cause
- \* Warwick Turnpike resurfacing
- \* Marshall Hill Road sidewalk
- \* Rehabilitation of the Crescent Road bridge
- \* Dump truck
- \* GPS unit
- \* Vibration roller
- \* Wood chipper

Fire Commissioner Ed Steines addressed the Council regarding fire emergency equipment.

Township Administrator Richard Kunze explained the Greenwood Forest Fire Company request for a fire rescue truck in the approximate amount of \$500,000.00.

Council President William Gervens called for a recess at 10:46 A.M.

Council President William Gervens called the meeting back to order at 10:57 A.M.

Recreation Director Renee Palermo addressed the Council regarding the Recreation Department budget as follows:

- \* Noted that the request to upgrade Farrell Field had been removed due to necessary work to be done on other fields.
- \* Westbrook Tennis Courts
- \* Portable lighting

- \* Bubbling Springs shed
- \* Bubbling Springs curbing

Police Chief James Dykstra addressed the Council regarding the Police Department budget noting the following:

- \* Hazmat suit request which had previously been removed from the budget
- \* Body armor
- \* Mobile data terminals
- \* Hazmat helmets

Councilman Elcavage noted that there had been a previous request for an upgrade of the emergency communication system.

Chief Dykstra explained that he is still looking into a communications consultant.

Councilman Elcavage asked Chief Dykstra if he is in agreement with the budget requests of the other Emergency Services?

Chief Dykstra replied in the affirmative.

Township Administrator Richard Kunze commented on the request of the West Milford First Aid Squad request for new pediatric units, and that there is also a request for new pagers. He also noted that there may be a request next year for a new vehicle rather than a re-chassis of the current vehicle.

The Township Council discussed these items with the Township Administrator.

### **Public Comments**

Council President William Gervens opened the meeting to the public who wished to address the Council.

A resident addressed the Council on matters of concern.

Councilman Elcavage moved to close the Public Comments.

Moved: Elcavage                      Seconded: Gervens

Voted Aye: Elcavage, Gervens, Nolan, Warden, Scangarello.

Voted Nay: None.

Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Councilman Elcavage moved to adjourn the Workshop meeting at 12:00 noon.

Moved: Elcavage                      Seconded: Scangarello

Voted Aye: Elcavage, Gervens, Nolan, Warden, Scangarello.

Voted Nay: None.

Meeting adjourned.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT WILLIAM GERVENS  
PRESIDING OFFICER

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KEVIN J. BYRNES  
TOWNSHIP CLERK