
TOWNSHIP OF WEST MILFORD, COUNTY OF PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY

Minutes of: Township Council Special Meeting
Date of Meeting: May 15, 2015
Time of Meeting: 6:00 P.M.
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Mayor Bettina Bieri called the Special Meeting of the West Milford Township Council to order.

Adequate Notice Statement

Mayor Bieri read the following statement:

Please note that in accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975 of New Jersey, adequate advance notice of this Special meeting was published in the Herald News on May 11, 2015; copies were provided to the Record, Star Ledger, Suburban Trends 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.

Please also make note of all fire and emergency exits – located to the left, right, and rear of this room - for use in case of an emergency. Thank you.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bieri led all in attendance in a salute to the flag.

Roll Call

Present: Councilmembers Ada Erik, Michael Hensley, Vivienne Erk, Michele Dale, Luciano Signorino, Marilyn Lichtenberg, Mayor Bettina Bieri.
Also Present: Township Administrator Kenneth Gabbert, Township Clerk Antoinette Battaglia

Agenda No. II

Purpose

Review of the proposed 2015 Municipal Budget.

Agenda No. III

Review of 2015 Municipal Budget

Capital Budget – Administrator Gabbert said we have reviewed capital a couple of times. It has changed because new directors have updated the requests. He recapped the new requests. Councilman Signorino supports putting some of that money into capital projects, roads in particular. Mayor Bieri suggested that Council first determine what capital items they will fund and then determine where to get the funding. Mr. Gabbert said that he proposed the \$400,000 for one time items because if it is not funded in one year it is generally harder to get funding in future years. Mayor Bieri agreed. Councilwoman Dale asked if the LUCAS devices are going to the rovers and Chief Storbeck answered in the affirmative.

Administrator Gabbert directed Council to those capital items for which a decision has not been made. He said that there must be a reduction to bring the capital amount down to the amount the auditor recommends. Councilwoman Lichtenberg asked the construction official how much a two sided electronic sign would cost and Mr. Ligus replied \$18,500. Councilwoman Lichtenberg indicated she may have found an anonymous donor for such a sign and asked her colleagues for consensus to proceed to get the donation. The Council gave consensus.

Councilwoman Dale said she is not in favor of reducing any DPW requests. Discussion ensued about carpet for certain offices and the Council agreed to provide funding to replace carpet. The Council agreed to appropriate \$24,600 for a small SUV for the construction official but declined to provide funding for MR rifles and a pick-up truck for the police department. They did agree to fund the stalker radar units and video storage for the police department as well as LUCAS units for first aid. Administrator Gabbert said he reevaluated some vehicle needs, instead of purchasing 5 vehicles, he is recommending purchasing 4. The Council agreed to the fire department request for a large SUV and \$60,000 for firefighter equipment as well as a tanker for fire company #3. The Council agreed to provide funding to the UGL first aid squad with which they can determine to either replace the floor or the heating system but not both. Administrator Gabbert noted that the funding for Clinton Road is the required matching funds under the grant. He is requesting partial funding for the Bubbling Springs dam and noted that the sediment control funding is mandated by court order. He has reduced road resurfacing funding to \$1 million. Discussion ensued about a possible assessment program. He is recommending \$200,000 to begin a program and the Council agreed. The Council approved \$40,000 for storm drainage and denied a request to fund an SUV for engineering. The Council approved funding for lighting at Veteran's Park and denied funding for depot lighting at this time. They approved funding for a new garage door at the Township garage and instructed that the roof replacement be deferred to a later time.

DPW – DPW Director Carlos Luaces addressed the Council. He said the sign machine needs replacement. He explained how the machine works and described its condition. He said it is more cost

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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the Township Council adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Moved: Erik Seconded: Signorino
Voted Aye: Unanimous voice vote.
Voted Nay: None.
Motion carried.

Approved: August 12, 2015

MAYOR BETTINA BIERI
PRESIDING OFFICER

ANTOINETTE BATTAGLIA
TOWNSHIP CLERK