

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held January 21, 2010, at 7:32 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 531 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, New Jersey.

Mayor Druetzler called the meeting to order and read the following notice:

I HEREBY ANNOUNCE AND STATE THAT ADEQUATE NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PROVIDED BY VIRTUE OF A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING THE TIME, DATE, AND PLACE OF MEETINGS OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MORRIS PLAINS FOR THE YEAR 2010; WHICH RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ON JANUARY 8TH 2010, AND WAS PUBLISHED IN THE MORRIS NEWSBEE AND IN THE DAILY RECORD AND BY THE FORWARDING OF SUCH RESOLUTION TO ALL PERSONS ON THE REQUEST LIST; BY THE POSTING OF SUCH RESOLUTION ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE BOROUGH HALL; ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS BEING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, *ET SEQ.*

Present on Roll Call: Mayor Frank J. Druetzler
Council President Jason C. Karr
Councilmembers: Joseph Cecala, Jr.
Laurie J. Fu
Suzanne B. McCluskey

Also Present: Gail Fraser, Borough Attorney

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mayor Druetzler advised that the League of Municipalities' first meeting of the year is being held at the Birchwood Manor on February 17th 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Druetzler stated that the budget for 2010 is being worked on at this time. There will be no summer help employees hired for the Road Department. As of February 1st, the Tax Assessor's hours will be Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor Druetzler recommended passing an ordinance to prohibit trailers and commercial vehicles from parking on Borough streets overnight from midnight to 6:00 a.m. Mayor and Councilmembers briefly discussed the types of vehicles that would be prohibited; Councilmember Karr suggested that these vehicles could be identified by their commercial or trailer license plates. Exceptions would include special circumstances such as home construction/remodeling.

Mayor Druetzler advised that Council previously looked into purchasing natural gas in bulk with other municipalities. After participating in a conference call, Mayor Druetzler was informed that the price was \$8.85; we presently purchase it for approximately \$6.68. At this time we will opt out of this shared service, however, should the present price rise, we can consider opting in at a later date.

Mayor Druetzler commended Councilmember Coogan for researching the Borough's telephone bills as the voucher reflects a large reduction.

Mayor Druetzler advised that Patriot's Path Council is celebrating the Boy Scouts' 100th Anniversary. They wish to come to the Borough for a Flag Salute and a presentation in February or March 2010.

Mayor Druetzler stated that Morris Plains Firefighter Bob Webster is heading up the 9-11 Memorial. It was hopeful the financing could fall under the Fire Department's Section 501(C), however, there are some restraints. After speaking with the Finance Officer, it was suggested to set up a trust account. All councilmembers were in agreement.

Mayor Druetzler advised that interviews will be held with the three candidates named by the Republican Committee to fill the vacancy as a result of Stephen S. Welsh's resignation: Hal Birmingham, James Kaag, and Ray Zabihach.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2010-27 entitled, "Executive Session" be adopted.

Seconded by Councilmember McCluskey. So ordered.

Councilmember Coogan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Seconded by Councilmember Cecala. So moved.

Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk