

Minutes of the Conference Meeting of the Borough Council held February 4, 2010, at 7:30 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 8<sup>TH</sup> 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  
Ray Zabihach

Also Present: Gail Fraser, Borough Attorney

### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mayor Druetzler advised that the Boy Scouts will be attending the next meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 in celebration of their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mayor Druetzler stated that pursuant to the CAP Law, we will prepare an ordinance to raise the CAP from two and one-half percent (2½%) to three and one-half percent (3½%)

Councilmember Karr reported that DPW supervisors inspected the garbage dumpsters in town and the new garbage contractor will be making the necessary repairs. There have been two instances within the past month where the garbage is not getting picked up. Mayor and Council discussed reporting procedures.

Councilmember Karr stated that there will be a meeting next week with Councilmembers Coogan and McCluskey to review personnel policies and procedures.

Councilmember Cecala advised that Chief Thompson had Sergeant D'Ambola perform a 10 day study on the crossing guards from January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 28<sup>th</sup> 2010. The survey calculated the number of children requiring crossing guards over a 10 day period.

Councilmember Cecala stated that the Police Department is considering purchasing cell phones to be used by the Chief and Sergeants when on duty. The Borough's practice has

been to reimburse the Chief and Sergeants \$20.00 per month for each of their cell phones. After researching options, it was recommended to purchase a cell phone as an add-on to an existing contract the Department of Public Works has with Verizon. The additional cost will be \$32.50 per month. The phone will stay with the Sergeant on duty and will not have any extras such as texting, pictures, long distance, etc. Mayor and Council were in agreement.

Councilmember Cecala addressed concerns from a resident on Hanover Avenue relative to traffic.

Councilwoman McCluskey advised that the Recreation Commission will be posting "No Smoking" signs at the pool this season.

### **Traffic Committee**

Councilmember Coogan commended Ralph R. Rotando for his efforts to improve the Borough's telephone system. Mayor and Council presented Mr. Rotando with a "Golden Telephone Award."

Traffic Committee Chairman, Ralph R. Rotando, asked the Mayor and Council to consider a modification to parking restrictions on Glenbrook Road. Mr. Rotando explained that there is "no parking" in one area on the north side. At the Fire Department's request, the Traffic Committee recommends extending the "no parking" on the north side of Glenbrook heading west. Mr. Rotando addressed comments and concerns presented by the Mayor and Council. Mayor Druetzler recommended that Councilmembers observe Glenbrook Road over the next few days, and informed Mr. Rotando that this topic would be revisited.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Councilmember Coogan:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Resolution No. 2010-34 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.

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Frank J. Druetzler, Mayor

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June R. Uhrin, Borough Clerk