

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WALL, HELD IN THE
MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Devlin at 7:30 P.M. Present were Mayor John P. Devlin presiding, Deputy Mayor Michael J. Clayton, Committeeman Edward H. Thomson, Committeeman Jeffrey W. Foster, Committeeman Clinton C. Hoffman, Township Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Township Attorney Mark G. Kitrick and Deputy Clerk Betty Schinestuhl.

Mayor Devlin read the sunshine statement.

Roll-call was taken by Betty Schinestuhl.

Deputy Mayor Clayton presented Deanna Lapp with a Proclamation honoring her being a representative of Girls State. The Township Committee congratulated Deanna.

Committeeman Foster made a motion to approve the Vouchers for May 3, 2008 - May 30, 2008 in the amount of \$11,297,922.34. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Vouchers approved.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 5-2008** - Adopting the Zoning Map entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ADOPTING A REVISED ZONING MAP DATED MARCH 26, 2008". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Devlin declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Hoffman moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final

passage. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

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Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2008** - Water/Sewer Connection Fees entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 222, "WATER AND SEWERS" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Devlin declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Foster moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 9-2008** - Increasing the CAP

entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Devlin declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Foster moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

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Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Scheduled Public Hearing of the 2008 Township of Wall Municipal Budget.

Committeeman Hoffman made a motion to open the public hearing on the budget. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. The Mayor declared the public hearing open.

George Cook, Crestview Road, asked the Committee how much longer are you people going to shoot yourself in the foot. When are you going to change your aim on these expenditures? Social Security gave me \$24 a month increase. You want over ten months of that. That is your increase. How much longer can we stay in this Township? I have been here over 45 years. If I move, somebody is going to move into my house. I have a four bedroom house. Someone will move in there with three kids. School taxes are going up. It is up to over \$10,000 per student. He said he doesn't know how many bus drivers have gotten lost that they need GPS's in the buses. Why are you not cutting costs? There are so many places to save. Another thing is you come along with Rap & Knock. This ties up the cops because somebody sees somebody is driving without experience, someone is speeding then the cops have to go out and investigate this. Another

thing the sanitation department the sweeper comes before the brush pick-up. The brush truck should be before the sweeper. Now you come along with another tax increase. How much longer can we stay here? You are going to force us out of our home. He said his pension has not gone up in 14 - 15 years. He said don't you know what you are doing to the elderly in this community.

Mayor Devlin said we don't want to raise taxes. Part of the problem is 2/3 has nothing to do with this committee it has to do with the State. We tried to talk to the State Legislatures.

Mr. Cook said defer tax increases to help people stay in their homes. Other places are coming up with a way to defer taxes.

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Mayor Devlin explained we lost nearly \$300,000 in State aide we were billed \$758,000 from the State's growing pension problem and we were also required to add \$517,000 in last years State funding for uncollected taxes. The State is imposing \$1.5M on this budget.

Committeeman Hoffman said we can and should try to do things better. We froze all operating expenses to the 2006 level. We did not increase anything. We are not hiring anybody. We did not put a penny into this budget except for contracted and non-contracted salary and wage increases. Please understand if you have a Township that is this big and you don't add a single new person or service to that budget it will go up. Gas costs go up. Energy costs go up. He said people get increases in their salaries. We did not add anything to this budget.

Mr. Cook said it is the school also. They have GPS's in the school buses. People voted for it. Committeeman Hoffman said he was not familiar with that problem until Mr. Cook brought it to his attention.

Committeeman Hoffman said the State has cut back. Administrator Verruni and I went out and met with Assemblyman Dave Rible and we asked him to go out to the State and force them to give us what is due.

Mayor Devlin said all we can do is go out there and fight them. He said he sat down with the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Governor with the School Board to discuss this problem. They are just not giving back at all.

Mr. Cook said you say you are coming up with programs. He said what about this RAP nonsense. Police have to go and investigate this. He said he read about these things in the papers. Why are you coming up with spending money and not saving?

Mayor Devlin said we are trying our best. We are doing shared services. We don't want to raises taxes.

Committeeman Hoffman said Mr. Verruni has set up monthly meetings with other towns to try to save money through shared services. We started that program here.

Committeeman Hoffman said he is going to have to respectfully disagree with Mr. Cook regarding Knock and Rap program. That is a program that protects our children and keeps our neighborhoods safe.

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Mr. Cook said he would like to see some cost cutting. He said all he reads in the Coast Star is spending.

Mr. Verruni said the paper has been reporting some of the shared services activity. Recently five municipalities have gotten together to take over the water department that currently exists on Hospital Road. We are trying to keep the cost of water down. That was in the paper.

Administrator Verruni explained we have kept our water and sewer low. Water and sewer costs have not gone up in years. We purchase our insurance together with 22 other municipalities to get it cheaper. We do our sewerage together with SMRSA. We are trying to save money for our residents. The cost of gas goes up and we can't stop driving police cars or sanitation trucks.

Committeeman Hoffman said we are trying. He invited Mr. Cook to come into town hall and sit with Mr. Verruni and Mr. Mayer.

Committeeman Foster said another thing we have put a 10% cap on all departments. This is the first time this year. We are holding spending down on every department.

Mayor Devlin said we are trying to do something. We are looking to go solar when it comes to running our pump stations and things of that nature.

Wayne Palmer, Sherwood Drive, asked how this increase will affect the average taxpayers in Wall Township.

Committeeman Hoffman said on a home with the average assessment of \$312,000 about \$243 a year increase for the municipal taxes, about \$21.43 a month.

Mr. Palmer asked how our current collection rates in taxes are. Mayor Devlin said they vary.

Administrator Verruni said about 98.6% last year.

Mr. Mayer said 98.3% this year.

Mr. Palmer asked has this Township Committee given thought to looking at rateables. The most important thing you can do is represent the taxpayer. Do we have a plan to address the rateable question? This is one of the biggest issues facing this municipality.

Mayor Devlin said yes with the Master Plan. The Planning Board has just passed some rateables.

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Committeeman Foster said we just passed some rateables. The Planning Board stays late just to get some rateables passed. He said he is very proud of the Planning Board. We have a business development group that was just passed at the last meeting to look for rateables. He said rateables are a key factor.

Mr. Palmer said any thought at looking at municipal services. Are you looking at solar and wind? Have we looked at other things for increasing our collection of taxes? Are we doing any long range planning?

Committeeman Hoffman said we have a business development committee. He said if they get one hit everyone is happy but

there is a catch 22. When you talk about rateables you have to understand the economy is down. You have to look at retail and houses. Most of our property is on 34 and zoned light industrial. It is not going to fly in this market and then you are going to have to look at retail and housing. The residents don't want that so we have a catch 22. Committeeman Hoffman invited Mr. Palmer to join that Committee.

Mr. Palmer said to Mayor Devlin you said you went out and talked to the Deputy Chief of Staff. Did we get any favorable feedback? Mayor Devlin said if we did he would be smiling. He said he didn't walk away happy.

Mr. Palmer asked if the Committee was looking at things like wind power and solar power. Committeeman Hoffman said there is a piece of property on 34 we are thinking about putting a windmill farm there. We are looking at that.

Mr. Palmer said he looked at the budget. Have you thought about cutting each line item by 1 - 2% without cutting employees and services? Take a look at that and see if there is any savings there. Mayor Devlin said if it was not for the State this would not be happening. This is a bare bones budget. Laying off people and losing services is next.

Committeeman Hoffman said we have wonderful professionals and we trust them. Still, we had an independent auditor, Mr. Allison, look at this budget he came to the conclusion the 2007 budget was tightly constructed and that means this budget is being strangled. Most of the line items are at 2006 numbers. We are cutting it by more than 1% - 2%. In Mr. Allison's report 90% of the items affecting this budget including salaries and wages and debt services are those items from the State PERS, etc. and the public safety building was renovated and the bill came due this year.

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Mayor Devlin said this is not just Wall Township having this problem. The whole state is having this problem. We can only do what we can.

Committeeman Hoffman said we met with Assemblyman Rible and made a presentation on this problem. He was asked to go to Trenton and help us out. Next year we are going to have even more difficulties.

Committeeman Foster said six cents of the increase is because of the State. Middlesex County called to go across party lines. They united. We have to fix the State budget. They have taken money away from us.

Mr. Palmer said one last question, what as a taxpayer can we take away tonight the four or five biggest areas where we are facing the most difficulties with going forward because they will continue to fester in the future. Mayor Devlin said there are a lot of issues in the future we just want to focus on this budget right now. There are lots of issues, there is COAH, etc.

Committeeman Hoffman said they imposed a 4% CAP at the State level. We had enough surplus to save us this year. Next year if something doesn't change with that CAP we are going to have a problem. They are trying to force smaller municipalities out. It is pension catch up time. They depleted it when times were good and now they are asking us to make it up. They took state funding away from us. As for wages and salaries if you don't add another service or person to Wall Township your wages and salaries are still going to go up.

Committeeman Hoffman said previous budgets from previous Township Committees were going up at the same rate but they were just using the surplus because the time was good to mask it and make it look like it was nothing. They could not have foreseen what is happening today. If they had leveled the tax rate at maybe 4% a year instead of using the surplus we might have a bank of \$10M - \$12M right now.

Mr. Palmer asked where we are with the surplus. Committeeman Hoffman said we used \$3.2M and change of the surplus in order to get under the CAP. We have \$984,000 left. A lot will have to do with how the collection rate and spending goes.

Mr. Palmer said we may see a trend of declining tax collection. Committeeman Hoffman said we have to have a reserve for uncollected taxes to protect against that.

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Committeeman Foster said his main concern next year is Mount Laurel. The Assembly said we can't sell our credits off. Our number is 670+ units over the next ten years. That will be two kids per home. We can't handle that. Wait until you see the school taxes in ten years.

Committeeman Hoffman said the only thing we have not done is cut services or fire people this year. He said he personally isn't ready to do that. He said he can't take people's jobs away unless absolutely necessary. Committeeman Hoffman said when Wall Township taxpayers go to work they hope their boss doesn't balance their budget with their jobs.

Mr. Palmer said he has parents that live in Wall. He said he is very concerned. We have seniors coming and asking for relief and we are looking at increases.

There being no further comments, Committeeman Hoffman moved to close the public hearing. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the 2008 Budget be adopted and that it be filed with the Monmouth County Board of Taxation and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and on roll-call members voted as follows:

Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Nay
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being four yeas and one nay, the Mayor declared the 2008 Municipal Budget adopted.

Prior to casting his vote, Committeeman Hoffman said a lot of the things he wanted to say before he voted on this budget he said because of the concerns of Mr. Cook and Mr. Palmer. He said he will just summarize them. We were handed a budget this year and the only decision we had was whether to cut services or lay people off. He said he is not prepared to do that. He said he believes the people in Wall Township want the services they are getting. We have good hardworking people employed by Wall Township with families and they depend on their jobs. The problems that we have are from the State of New Jersey. If you have a certain size government and don't add a single thing to it, which we have not, it is going to go up 3 - 4 cents a year. It went up in previous years but it was masked with surplus. We have frozen everything. We are going to continue to try and improve. This budget is a creature largely of the State and the public safety building renovations. The only reason to vote no on this budget is

because you wanted to lay off people or decrease services or you had some other agenda in mind. With that I vote yes.

Prior to casting his vote, Deputy Mayor Clayton said everyone has worked hard on this. There is no increase in operating expenses since 2006. We are doing the best to protect our quality of life in Wall Township. We are trying to keep programs for the elderly and the young. Our Police Department has seen an increase in the amount of calls. They have not hired any additional officers in the last five years. They are going to remain constant. They have a tremendous amount of work laid on them. In order to save 1 cent on \$1 it is \$386,000. It is not just laying off one or two Police Officers in order to make up one to two cents on a dollar it is laying off eight to ten. He said he can't see jeopardizing people's safety. He said 4.7 cents of this is related to State mandated expenses. 3.1 cents is what Wall's increase is. The State has cut their funding to Wall this year. We can't go through the future like this with State spending it is hurting us at the local level. He said he hopes the State becomes more sensitive and we can bring our taxes down.

Prior to casting his vote, Mayor Devlin said this year's budget shows a number of challenges facing Wall Township. The increased budget will affect residents and businesses. The increase in taxes is needed to maintain services. We had a loss of State aide with increased cost placed on us by the State we lost over \$300,000, we were billed an additional \$758,000 for the State pension problem and also \$517,000 for the State funding formula for uncollected taxes. Two-thirds of this year's increase is a definite result of the State. We had the renovations to the Police Department safety building. The Township Committee chose not to reduce services or lay off employees. We put on a hiring freeze. We are working at 2006 levels. We have shared services with other municipalities. We are curbing all spending. We continue to look for ways to save and give services to the public. We are trying to be as effective as possible.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 10-2008** - Amending Chapter 140 - Land use and Development Regulations - 140-220- Political Signs entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 140 LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, ARTICLE XXIX SIGNS AND BILLBOARDS,

SECTION 140-220 ENTITLED EXEMPT SIGNS". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Devlin declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Hoffman moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all
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members voted yes. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to Introduction of **BOND ORDINANCE NO. 11-2008** - Capital Improvements entitled, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2008 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "TOWNSHIP"); APPROPRIATING \$3,275,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,111,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COSTS THEREOF". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted as to its first reading. Committeeman Foster moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held on July 9, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. Committeeman Hoffman seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Consent Agenda

With reference to Items 11 A - AA was announced that all matters will be adopted or approved collectively by a single motion and roll-call vote by a majority of the Township Committee. All items on the consent agenda have been made available in advance of the meeting for public inspection and are also available for public inspection in the office of the Township Clerk. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on any item, it will be
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considered separately. Mayor Devlin asked if any member of the Township Committee wished to consider any other item separately. There being no further comments, a motion was made by Committeeman Thomson and seconded by Committeeman Foster to adopt the following Resolutions, and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Thomson	Yea
Clayton	Yea
Devlin	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the following Resolutions adopted:

#08-601 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (RATIFY)

#08-515 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS IN A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO THE STATUTORY EXCLUSIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (RATIFY)

#08-602 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS IN A CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO THE STATUTORY EXCLUSIONS OF N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (RATIFY)

#08-604 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND SUBMITTAL OF A APPLICATION FOR

GRANT FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES FOR D.E.D.R./ALLIANCE FUNDS

#08-605 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REDEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH 1735 HIGHWAY 71, LLC

#08-606 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REDEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH AJMB ASSOCIATES, LLC

#08-607 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MUNICIPALITIES IDENTIFIED HEREIN FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLORING POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING
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CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TREATED WATER AND TO SOLICIT ADVICE REGARDING THE FORMATION OF A JOINT MUNICIPAL WATER ENTITY

#08-608 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY BRICK LANES LOUNGE, INC. FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-008-002

#08-609 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN RON, INC. FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-32-007-004

#08-610 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY LTF INC. FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-44-013-002

#08-611 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY APPLE FOOD SERVICE OF WALL, LLC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-004-018

#08-612 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE SQUAN RIVER GROUP, LLC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-010-003

#08-613 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SJB

RUNWAY ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-012-006

#08-614 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SEVEN CUISINES, INC. FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-003-011

#08-615 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY LPCC RESTAURANT, LLC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-006-011

#08-616 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY SJB LIQUORS, LLC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-014-008

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#08-617 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY WINE KING, LLC FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-44-015-002

#08-618 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL APPROVING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY THE ATLANTIC CLUB, INC. FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - #1352-33-011-005

#08-619 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL GRANTING A RETAIL RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE 2008-2009 LICENSE TERM - BRIAD LODGING GROUP - #1352-36-016-001

#08-620 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF MONIES HELD IN ESCROW - BRIAD CONSTRUCTION

#08-621 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXERCISE THE OPTION TO RENEW A CONTRACT WITH POW R SAVE FOR THE PROVISION OF HVAC SERVICES NEEDED WITH RESPECT TO THE TOWNSHIP BUILDINGS

#08-622 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ASSIGNMENT OF AN EASEMENT GRANTED TO PRIVATE TRANS-ATLANTIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

#08-623 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO ISSUE SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF SEALED BIDS FOR THE PROVISION OF JANITORIAL SERVICES

#08-624 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TAX REFUNDS

#08-625 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Block Party - Hill Avenue - July 12, 2008 (rain date July 13, 2008)

One Day Catering Permit - WatersEdge - 2670 Allaire Road, Wall, NJ (Private Party) - June 19, 2008 - 8:00 P.M. to 12 midnight

End of Consent Agenda

Comments from Township Committee

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Committeeman Hoffman said to the public, that as a committee we have just introduced our capital expenses plan. This is going to affect the committees down the road. If anyone is interested he asked them to be sure to take a look at it. We welcome all input. This budget is difficult and something we have struggled over.

There was then a heated discussion between Committeeman Hoffman and Committeeman Thomson about the adoption of the budget. Committeeman Thomson's no vote on the budget.

Committeeman Hoffman alleged it was a politically motivated vote.

Committeeman Thomson told Committeeman Hoffman that Committeeman Hoffman has no idea why he voted no.

Committeeman Hoffman said that is true because Committeeman Thomson had not once indicated any problem with this budget in the entire time it was worked on other than to say "it is what it is."

Audience Participation

Anne Marie Conte, Overbrook Drive, said she has lived here all her life. This is not okay and she said she is sorry this happened. She said she is a resident of this town. You all have had the ability to do work on this budget. She said she deals with budgets and is looking at this as a resident. To hear this is disgraceful. She said she is trying to be a part of this Township Committee. She said she is sure the Committee has worked hard on this budget. She said there have been years when she has not had a raise. We have laid people off. I am not saying that is a solution but that is reality. She said she is appalled at what just went on here. She said she wants the Committee to do what is best for the residents of Wall Township.

Mayor Devlin said you know this usually does not happen.

Committeeman Hoffman said he understands and he apologizes.

Ms. Conte said she has gone to many of these meetings and does not believe this is politically motivated but that is her opinion.

Committeeman Foster said we worked on this for three months everybody had an opportunity to go through the budget. We are here to save money.

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Committeeman Foster said everyone has had the opportunity to go through the budget then at the last minute the last hour. I was taken back. We are here to save money. When you were on the Board of Education you didn't want to raise taxes either.

Ms. Conte said you don't have to be a senior here to be having problems. You can be a 43 year old woman and concerned about taxes. You need to act like a Committee.

Committeeman Hoffman said he got upset because there was nothing said before tonight. He apologized.

Ms. Conte said she has been on Boards before. People are entitled to their own opinion and vote at the 11th hour. But to say it is politically motivated is unheard of. They did it because they were always going to do that.

Mr. Palmer thanked the Committee for their explanation. He said at the end of the day my personal tax payer champion is Ned Thomson. We have to take a look at the whole picture and try to work together. There is one thing we have to keep sight of the governor is not giving the necessary help we need now. We have to work through that.

Mayor Devlin said he has worked with Ned Thomson for six years. We have a good relationship. Mayor Devlin pointed out to Mr. Palmer that Ned wanted to increase the tax rate more.

Trish Longo McCarthy said she is not running for office. She thanked the Township Committee for not laying any of the employees off. She said her husband works for Public Works and if he lost his job they would loose not just income but because of her muscular disease they would loose more than just their home. She said she appreciates everything the Committee has done to cut the budget. She agrees with everybody's passion. She has been coming to every meeting for the past year and has never seen a lot of people here. She thanked the Committee again.

Committeeman Hoffman apologized again to everyone in the room for his uncharacteristic behavior. He noted he is passionate about doing the right thing and tonight it got the best of him.

Attorney Kitrick told Committeeman Hoffman being passionate about something is nothing to apologize for.

Mary Burns, W. Hurley Pond & Allenwood Road, said something needs to be done about the pond. Mr. Verruni said we don't own the pond. Ms. Burns said there are safety issues

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concerning traffic. She said her number one concern is the children and the school. There are no walkways for the children and the ones that are there are very faded. There is no place for the children to cross. There are no speed limit signs. It is a death trap for the kids. There are no school bus stop signs. The Police Department comes sporadically. There is nothing to enforce safety on that road. It is 35 MPH. She said she would think it should be lower. There are some illegible signs and they are full of graffiti. Then you have the bridge. There is nothing but blind spots on that road. On W. Hurley Pond Road the signs have been knocked over.

Mayor Devlin said we could go to the Police Department and have them do a study. Mrs. Burns said they have done that. Mayor Devlin said we will send a letter to Chief Morris.

Committeeman Foster said he thinks a few signs will solve this problem.

Administrator Verruni said in front of the school, the walkways, we just painted them the beginning of the year.

Deputy Mayor Clayton said there was a curb cut installed this year.

Administrator Verruni said he will take another look at it.

Mrs. Burns said there has to be something to slow the cars down. She said the road is very narrow.

Mrs. Burns said Bob Malone came to see the road. It is also sinking. He told me that he would be back on Friday that was 39 days ago. Mayor Devlin said we will address that tomorrow.

There being no further comments, Deputy Mayor Thomson made a motion to adjourn. Committeeman Devlin seconded the motion and all members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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MAYOR