

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WALL, HELD IN THE
MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Clayton at 7:30 P.M. Present were Mayor Michael J. Clayton presiding, Deputy Mayor George K. Newberry, Committeeman Jeffrey W. Foster, Committeeman Clinton C. Hoffman, Committeewoman Ann Marie Conte, Township Administrator Joseph L. Verruni, Township Attorney McNamara and Deputy Clerk Betty Schinestuhl.

Mayor Clayton read the sunshine statement.

Roll-call was taken by Betty Schinestuhl.

Mayor Clayton noted that the Committee recognizes a member of the armed service each month and this month they are recognizing Frank Greco who served in the Navy. The Committee wished him well.

Committeeman Hoffman made a motion to approve the Vouchers for July 30, 2009 - August 26, 2009 in the amount of \$9,498,851.99. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Foster	Yea
Newberry	Yea
Clayton	Yea

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

Mayor Clayton read Proclamations for retired Police Officers Lt. John Galvin, SFC Joseph Gisoldi, Sgt. John Brady and Lt. John Roche. Chief Morris said he would like to thank the Township Committee for recognizing the four officers. They have been here for 20+ years.

Committeewoman Conte presented a Proclamation to each of the North Wall All Star State Champions. The Township Committee congratulated them and said they are very proud.

Mayor Clayton read a Proclamation honoring Allenwood Postmaster George Kopischke. Mr. Kopischke could not attend this evenings meeting.

Deputy Mayor Newberry presented a Proclamation to the Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee. Mrs. Morrissey thanked Committeeman Foster for his support.
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Committeeman Hoffman read a Proclamation for Kids Day America.

Committeeman Foster read the Proclamation Honoring Wall Township First Aid & Rescue Squad for their 70th Anniversary. He thanked them for their 70 years of service. Chief Morris also thanked them and congratulated them on 70 years of service. He said they are committed to public safety.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 20-2009** - Authorizing the Acceptance of Certain Deeds of Easement from Michael Lepis, Grantor entitled "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN DEEDS OF EASEMENTS FROM MICHAEL LEPIS, GRANTOR". Mrs. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Clayton declared the Public Hearing open. There were no comments or objections, Committeeman Foster moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Foster	Yea
Newberry	Yea
Clayton	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. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 21-2009** - Authorizing the Acceptance of a Roadway Dedication Deed from Michael Lepis, Grantor entitled, "ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A ROADWAY DEDICATION DEED FROM MICHAEL LEPIS, GRANTOR". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Clayton declared the Public Hearing open. There being no comments or objections, Committeeman Foster moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second

reading and final passage. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Foster	Yea

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Newberry	Yea
Clayton	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. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 22-2009 AS AMENDED PER FEMA'S REQUEST** - Amending Chapter 116 - Flood Plan Management entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 116, OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED FLOOD PLAIN MANAGEMENT". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Clayton 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 amended per FEMA's request to its second reading and final passage.

1. Section 116-4 (b) - **Delete** "34025CIND1A and 34025CIND2A" and **replace with** "34025C0169F, 34025C0310F, 34025C0320F, 34025C0326F, 34025C0328F, 34025C0329F, 34025C0333F, 34025C0340F, 34025C0341F, 34025C0342F, 34025C0343F, 34025C0435F, 34025C0455F, 34025C0456F".

2. 116-15. A (1) Residential Construction

The addition of the words "together with the attendant utilities and sanitary facilities," after the words "including basement"

3. 116-15. (B) (1) Nonresidential Construction

The addition of "(a) have the lowest floor, including basement together with the attendant utilities and sanitary facilities, elevated to the level of the base flood elevation; and"

The addition of "(b)" before the words "Require within any AO zone"

The addition of "(2)" before the words "or together with the attendant utilities and sanitary facilities, shall"

Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Foster	Yea

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Newberry	Yea
Clayton	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.

This being the advertised time for the Second Reading and Public Hearing of **ORDINANCE NO. 23-2009** - Amending Parking Ordinance - "M" Street entitled "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215-33 (SCHEDULE I) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Mayor Clayton declared the Public Hearing open. There were no comments or objections, Deputy Mayor Newberry moved that the public hearing be closed. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes. Deputy Mayor Newberry moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to its second reading and final passage. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Foster	Yea
Newberry	Yea
Clayton	Yea

There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted. Deputy Mayor Newberry moved that the Ordinance be advertised according to law. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 24-2009** - Verizon - Use of Streets & Public Right of Way in Wall Township entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF

THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL REGULATING THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF VERIZON, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS TO USE OF THE VARIOUS PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AVENUES, HIGHWAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY FOR ITS LOCAL AND THROUGH LINES AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND PRESCRIBING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF". Ms. Schinestuhl read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Deputy Mayor Newberry moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Foster	Yea
Newberry	Yea

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Clayton	Yea
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There being five yeas and no nays, the Mayor declared the Ordinance adopted as to its first reading. Deputy Mayor Newberry moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

Consent Agenda

With reference to Items 16 A - X 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 considered separately. Mayor Clayton asked if any member of the Township Committee wished to consider any other item separately.

Mayor Clayton said, regarding Item E, the town with the State of New Jersey DEP was able to put 27 acres of land into our open space plan. These 27 acres will be kept as open space forever.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Committeeman Foster and seconded by Committeewoman Conte to adopt the following Resolutions, and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
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Hoffman	Yea
Foster	Yea
Newberry	Yea
Clayton	Yea

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

#09-829 - 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. 10-412 - August 19, 2009 - (Ratify)

#09-904 - 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. 10-412 - September 2, 2009 - (Ratify)

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#09-901 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION ONLINE OF SURPLUS VEHICLES AND OTHER ITEMS (Ratify)

#09-902 - 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)

#09-903 - RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF EASEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY YMCA, THE YMCA OF WESTERN MONMOUTH COUNTY, THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL (Ratify)

#09-906 - RESOLUTION GRANTING APPLICATION FOR PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR SJB LIQUORS LLC LICENSE NUMBER 1352-33-014-008 FOR 2009-2010 LICENSE TERM

#09-907 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS FOR THE SPECIAL CITIZENS AREA TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROGRAM (SCAT)

#09-908 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL SUPPORTING REGIONAL TRASH COLLECTION OUTSIDE OF THE CAP

#09-909 - STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES ENABLING RESOLUTION

#09-910 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND PREPARATION OF BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF UNIFORMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#09-911 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND PREPARATION OF BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE FURNISHING OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR USE BY THE WALL TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#09-912 - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS AND PREPARATION OF BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR HVAC SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE WALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

#09-913 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN TAX REFUNDS

#09-914 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN WATER/SEWER REFUNDS

#09-915 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF 375 HOURS SICK @ ½

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RATE, 480 HOURS COMPENSATION TIME, 8 HOURS SUPERVISOR PREP TIME AND 200 HOURS OF VACATION - JOSEPH GISOLDI

#09-916 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF 30 VACATION DAYS AND 45.50 DAYS SICK @ ½ RATE - GREGORY BINDEWALD

#09-917 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Street Closing - Block Party - Grant Street, Saturday, September 5, 2009 (rain date September 6, 2009), 2:00 - 10:00 P.M. (Ratify)

Raffle - Wall High School Band Boosters - December 22, 2009, 50/50, Benefit Band

Raffle - Family Resource Associate, Inc. - October 3, 2009, Gifts, Benefit Children with Disabilities at Family Resources

Street Closing - Block Party - Oak Road, Sunday, September 20, 2009, 12 noon - 8:00 P.M.

Street Closing - Block Party - Winesap Drive, Saturday, October 3, 2009, 12 noon - 10:00 P.M. (rain date Sunday, October 4, 2009)

One Day Social Affairs Permit - South Wall Fire Company -
October 9, 2009, 7:00 - 10:00 P.M. - Benefit Multiple Myeloma
Research Foundation

One Day Social Affairs Permit - Wall Soccer club - October 23,
2009, 7:00 - 11:00 P.M. - Benefit Scholarship Fund

End of Consent Agenda

Comments from Township Committee

Committeeman Foster talked about recycling and making a change. Commercial vehicles will be able to go to the recycling center under certain stipulations and will only be able to dump recycling no garbage, no bulk and no grass. The Township Committee voted on that and approved it. It will be enacted in a day or two.

Committeeman Foster said some residents have complained about the speed and traffic on Lakewood Road. The Township Committee has instructed the Police Department to patrol better and make some stops. Traffic is getting out of hand and speed is excessive. We have to start controlling this.

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Committeewoman Conte said she has concerns regarding the airport and different flight plans. Mayor Clayton said larger planes have been flying over. He spoke with the FAA and there is a proposal to expand the flight ring by 25 - 30 miles which would just about put it over Wall Township. They are trying to relieve congestion at other airports. They also want to reduce the flight height to 2,500'. We will have our attorney look into this. This is in the preliminary stages.

Committeewoman Conte announced there will be an Environmental Summit here on September 15th at 7:00 P.M. She encouraged everyone to attend. There will also be Children's Day American here on September 19th. It is a wonderful day. She encouraged everyone to attend that also.

Deputy Mayor Newberry said there is some slow action at Wall Auto Wreckers. The owner is taking steps to complete this. They are trying to move forward. The State is trying to make it take as long as possible.

Deputy Mayor Newberry said we will be having an energy audit done. We have received bids and one has been accepted. We are trying to save some energy and be a little more green. He also stated the Township was able to obtain a used chipper

truck from the County that was going up for auction. He thanked the County for their assistance.

Mayor Clayton said we are in the process of putting a speed bump over on Laurel Avenue. It will be put in in the next few weeks. It will slow and calm the traffic down. This proved to be the best solution. We worked with the Police Department and NJDOT. Committeeman Foster thanked the Mayor of Howell for the donation of the speed bump.

Audience Participation

Gale Quinn is concerned about what they are doing to the parkway. She said she understands they need to widen it but it is a disaster down toward exit 60 - 62. They are going to widen 99.8 to 80 because they need shoulders. She asked if there is anything we can do to make sure that we don't have the same destruction. They have cut down every tree in sight. There are wetlands in the area around exit 99.8. She asked about a letter that the Township residents received from NJDEP. Mayor Clayton said any meetings that come up we want representatives there. Committeewoman Conte said she does remember a letter. She said they never notified the Township Committee. Maybe we can write a letter from the Township Committee. Mayor Clayton said Administrator Verruni will write the letter. Committeeman Foster said we have to be

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concerned about the wetlands. Attorney McNamara stated they also have to abide by the laws.

Nance-ellen Draper said she is County Committee representative for District 13. She has a few issues. She asked if they were planning on changing the recycling station on Bedford Corner Lane to Watson Road. Committeeman Foster said there is no money for any of that. Administrator said we always wanted one in North Wall but now is not the time.

Mrs. Draper said the one on Bedford Corner Lane the way the parking lot is configured you can't see to the right. Administrator Verruni said the Police Department was there. They met with the Primary School. Chief Morris made several recommendations. He said he will find out what happened. Committeeman Foster said you are talking about the site triangle. Mrs. Draper said right.

Mrs. Draper said her other concern is the people driving along Belmar Boulevard and the President streets. The traffic is going too fast. 35 MPH is the speed limit and people don't

pay attention to that. Houses are very close to the road and people are panicking about that traffic and the speed. Mayor Clayton asked what stretch of Belmar Boulevard. Mrs. Draper said between New Bedford Road and the overpass of 18th. Mayor Clayton said he will have the Police look into that. Committeeman Foster said that is a County road. Mrs. Draper said she would like to see a little more concentration on the side streets. She said Chief Morris does an outstanding job.

Paul Draper said he has some resources for the Committee regarding air craft owner's pilots association. They are big resources in fighting this type of thing. They have legal consultants. He will send his resources via e-mail.

Art Krumm said he has been a resident and taxpayer for 57 years. Wall provides health benefits to all employees whether they work 40 hours or three hours per week and the Township Committee who are part time. For a three year term it will cost the taxpayers \$40,000. The Township Committee should be excluded due to the cost. The sewerage authority also gets health benefits but it comes from their budget and not from the town's budget. The Township Committee should pass an ordinance excluding those benefits to the Township Committee.

Deputy Mayor Newberry said we have discussed this and we are taking it under advisement. You will probably see something change shortly but that is my opinion.

Committeewoman Conte said we did discuss it and also salaries for the Township Committee. We are in discussions right now.

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Committeeman Foster said your numbers are a little obscure. He asked where he got those numbers from. Mr. Krumm said from the Administrator. Committeeman Foster explained we are self-insured. He said he cost the town about \$2,000 last year. It is only what I use. He explained the health benefits for the sewerage authority is paid by the towns and that is your tax dollars.

Committeeman Hoffman explained we are self-insured and that \$20,000 is a list price. We have 240 employees. Total expenditures divided by total amount of people we have it is about \$13,000 per year. Last year Jeff Foster may have cost the town \$2,000 - \$3,000. Mr. Krumm said he would still like to see the Township Committee excluded from health benefits.

Ed Morgan said he has lived at 1314 W. Magnolia Avenue for 14 years and will be there for just another week. He said

prior to moving here he was active in Town Council. He said one of the neighboring farmers in that town had a farm where you can pick your own. It now has a store selling all different types of things. They set up a roadway for cars to go through for holidays. We have a lot of farmland here in Wall. He said the Committee should take a look at what can happen if you have to pay to go see the animals. Would you have a zoo here in Wall? Farm stands are operating very nicely now but younger people will take over and will make money anyway they can. He asked the Committee to take a look at the farmland.

Mr. Morgan said he had an addition put on his house in 2004. He got all his permits. When you move out you have to get a C.O. He said he received a call from the Township stating he never had a final inspection done. They have allowed me to be in this unsafe house. After five years how can anyone check what was done? There has to be a more efficient way to go about things.

Committeeman Foster said, regarding farmland, we are acquiring more. This Township Committee is very alert about it and has your same concerns. Regarding the Building Department there should be some type of time limitation.

Administrator Verruni explained we do have a lot of open permits. The contractor usually calls for final inspection. If they don't call we are supposed to pick that up. He said he will check on it.

Don Herbert asked what your plans are for Johnny B's Pond. It is being filled in. He said the town owns it. The back end of it is being filled in. The fill is coming from those houses off W. 18th Avenue only on the north side. The
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town purchased the property four years ago. He said the town is going to loose that pond to wetlands. The Wall Township Environmental Committee didn't even know that the town owned that pond.

Administrator Verruni said we own just the pond.

Committeeman Foster said he is the liaison to the Wall Township Environmental Committee maybe we can do a study of what is going on over there. Maybe we can see what is being filled in.

Mr. Herbert said the water level is high. Committeeman Foster said maybe we can find out where it is coming from and

cut it off. Mr. Herbert asked the Committee to do something with it before we loose it.

Tim Farrell said he just wanted to comment on health benefits for the committee. He said we don't provide any perks to the Township Committee. He said they put in an average of 30 - 40 hours a week. Taking health insurance is not a crime. As a taxpayer we are glad you get that. If you are thinking about rescinding that think again. You earned it, you deserve it and you should continue to receive it.

Gary Krikorian reminded everyone that Friday is the anniversary of 9-11. He will have his flag out. We should all observe that day.

Mr. Krikorian said the minutes of May 13th regarding members to the sewerage authority. He did not say the Township Committee should stop appointing members to the sewerage authority and should stop giving them benefits. He said he doesn't know where that came from but he never said it. Also, regarding urban enterprise zone he said he doesn't recall saying anything about that. Committeeman Hoffman said he did.

Mr. Krikorian said the new marquis at the firehouse looks great. It looks much better.

Mr. Krikorian said he doesn't know if the Committee deserves health benefits so he won't comment.

Mr. Krikorian said he was looking at the budget is the \$4500 the Committees pay. Mayor Clayton said yes. Mr. Krikorian said other towns get more than that not a lot more but more. He said the salary should be increased.

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Mr. Krikorian said the off ramp from 95 coming east to 34 north is a dangerous situation when it first starts raining. It is very slippery. It is the off ramp. There is oil there.

Ron Jennings said he is a former Wall Township Police Officer. He said he is concerned regarding the Police Department and cutting personnel. He said he has a son on the Police Department and he is here to listen to the Township Committee.

Committeeman Hoffman said he has a budget power point presentation on the web-site. It shows the 2010 budget situation. It tells you a lot about the past and how we got where we are. 2010 will be the most difficult year. The budget is projected to be \$1.2 million short and \$600,000 over the CAP. New Jersey Pension payments went from zero earlier in this decade to \$2.7 million for 2010. There are also other things that go up that are beyond our control. The reserve for uncollected taxes for example where the town takes the full burden of that and it has gone up dramatically as well. There was surplus in the past and when you have a lot of surplus you can put some of it back in the budget or you can pay down debt. You can pay off capital projects that you would normally bond for. Committeeman Hoffman says he believes in the later because putting in the budget creates an artificial gap between expenses and revenues. We are providing services here in Wall Township, that is what we do. They have been costing more and move over the years and previous committees were making up the gap by taking it out of surplus. Now there is no surplus. We project we will have about a \$1.2 million problem next year.

Committeeman Hoffman explained what we have done with the employees. We have gone to the unions. If every employee takes a day without pay, starting in September and going through next year, totaling 16 days that will be \$1.2 million and we can keep all the current employees. We cannot mandate that. We keep updating the bargaining units. Sometimes our situation and our expectation gets a little better when we get revenue we didn't expect and sometimes it gets worse when we get expenses we did not expect.

Administrator Verruni explained they met with Public Works and the Police Department bargaining units and they are reviewing our requests. We are reaching out to them. If everyone will agree to the plan the Township Committee presented it will be one day per month without pay.

Committeeman Hoffman said the bargaining units have contracts and we can only ask them for relief. With the current contracts the Police Department will get a 3.8% increase in 2010. If they were to take 12 days off without
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pay that will be 4.6% of their salaries. They would lose .8%. On \$100,000 that is \$800 per year before taxes. We are not asking them to do something that is so burdensome. We have fewer employees in Wall Township today than when I took office to provide the services that we provide. We don't want anybody to be laid off but ultimately it is up to them. Each unit has to make its own decision.

Mr. Jennings said we are now down to 65 officers.

Committeeman Hoffman said we had 72 at the beginning of the year and we have 66 now. I will be glad to sit down with you to discuss this but it is all in that presentation.

Deputy Mayor Newberry said there were seven retirees in the Police Department. Taking in steps and raises in the Police Department the township is only saving about \$50,000. It did not help all that much. We are hoping that they will take the unpaid compensation. It is a small sacrifice. The choice will be up to the unions.

Mr. Jennings said the thing that bothers me is losing jobs. Furloughs are one thing but to lose personnel worries him.

Committeeman Hoffman said we don't want one person to be laid off. I think we are already understaffed. Unpaid vacation days solve the problem right now. I am hoping they go that way. The issues change everyday and we are keeping the bargaining units up to date.

Mayor Clayton said I would rather see the furloughs than see one person get laid off. I don't want to see one person go. I hope our unions make the right choices and stick together. It will be very upsetting to me to see if they lay people off.

Committeeman Foster said we have a large investment in our employees especially the Police Department. We send them to school, etc. I don't want to lose anyone. We are very happy with our employees especially our Police Department and our new recruits but we are not making that decision.

Mr. Jennings said he understands.

Committeeman Hoffman said they are deliberating and they will come back one by one and give us their answer.

Deputy Mayor Newberry said collective bargaining asked us to make concessions also.

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Committeeman Hoffman said he is optimistic about the future, specifically 2011 and beyond. We are making the income more closely match the expenses by reducing everything

including personnel and going forward we don't have to fill the gap with artificial monies like surplus.

Committeewoman Conte said this is a difficult time for all of us. Every day there is a dialog going on. We are working with them. I don't want to see any employees laid off. We provide outstanding service to this town and there has to be a balance we can't afford one person getting laid off here.

Deputy Mayor Newberry said what concerns him is the State is \$5 million in a hole and we don't know how they are going to fix that. We are dealing with it day by day. We won't know until next year what our State aid will be. I don't think any other Township Committee has looked at a budget a year ahead. We are trying to prevent a disaster.

There being no further comments, Committeeman Hoffman made a motion to adjourn. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

TOWNSHIP CLERK

MAYOR