

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF WALL, HELD IN THE  
MEETING ROOM, MUNICIPAL COMPLEX  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2009**

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

Mayor Clayton read the sunshine statement.

Roll-call was taken by Township Clerk Lorraine Kubacz.

Mrs. Kubacz conducted the Semi-Annual Board of Health Meeting.

The Township Committee presented proclamations to the coaches and thanked them for their time and commitment.

A Proclamation Honoring Bob Hart was presented.

A Proclamation Honoring Vinny Marron was presented.

A Proclamation Honoring Rich Mertens was presented.

A Proclamation Honoring Postmaster George Kopischke was presented. Mr. Kopischke will be retiring.

A Proclamation Honoring AV Week - October 18-24, 2009 was presented.

Mayor Clayton noted that we are also honoring James Roche who will be serving in Afghanistan. God Bless him.

Committeeman Hoffman made a motion to approve the Vouchers for 8/27/09-9/30/09 in the amount of \$13,150,886.01. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Newberry	Yea
Clayton	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. 24-2009** - Verizon - Use of Streets and 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." Mrs. Kubacz 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
Foster	Yea
Hoffman	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.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 25-2009** - Amending Recreation Advisory Board entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS." Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. 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 as to its first reading. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according

to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 26-2009** - Amending the Zoning Map - Public Open Space entitled, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AMENDING THE ZONING MAP WITHIN CHAPTER 140 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO REZONE CERTAIN PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES FROM THEIR PRESENT ZONE CLASSIFICATION TO "PUBLIC OPEN SPACE" ZONE CLASSIFICATION". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Mrs. Kubacz 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
Clayton	Yea

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 November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Committeeman Foster seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 27-2009** - Amending Chapter 140 - Pool Fencing entitled "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AMENDING THE SUBSECTION ENTITLED "POOL FENCING" WITHIN CHAPTER 140 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS." Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. 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 as to its first reading. Committeeman

Hoffman moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 29-2009** - Amending Chapter 140 - Gross Floor Area entitled, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "GROSS FLOOR AREA" WITHIN CHAPTER 140 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. 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 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 November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 30-2009** - Amending Chapter 140 - Neighborhood Business Zone entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 140 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO ADD A NEW SECTION ALLOWING FOR A LIMITED R-7.5 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL OVERLAY TO THE NB NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS ZONE". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Committeewoman Conte moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. Deputy Mayor Newberry 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 as to its first reading. Committeewoman

Conte moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Deputy Mayor Newberry seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 31-2009** - Amending Chapter 215 Traffic - Speed Limit Reduction - Waterview Way entitled, "ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 215-48, (SCHEDULE XVI) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED SPEED LIMITS". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. 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 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 November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **ORDINANCE NO. 32-2009** - Amending Chapter 222 - Water/Sewer Rates entitled, "ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AMENDING CHAPTER 222 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ENTITLED WATER AND SEWERS". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Committeeman Foster moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. 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 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

November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

With reference to the Introduction of **BOND ORDINANCE NO. 33-2009** - Providing for Various Capital Improvements entitled, "PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL, IN THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$550,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$523,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF". Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only, as required by law. Mrs. Kubacz read the Ordinance by title only as required by law. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Ordinance be adopted as to first reading. 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 as to its first reading. Committeeman Hoffman moved that the Clerk advertise the Ordinance according to law, the second reading and public hearing to be held November 24, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. Committeewoman Conte seconded the motion and all members voted yes.

### **Consent Agenda**

With reference to Items 21 A - CC 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 item separately. There being no comments, a motion was made by Committeeman Hoffman and seconded by Committeewoman Conte to adopt the following Resolutions, and on roll-call, members voted as follows:

Conte	Yea
Foster	Yea
Hoffman	Yea
Newberry	Yea
Clayton	Yea

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

#09-918 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION OF MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION SEPTEMBER 23, 2009 (RATIFY)

#09-1001 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AWARING THE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR AN ENERGY AUDIT

#09-1002 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING DISCUSSION OF MATTERS IN CLOSED SESSION OCTOBER 7, 2009 (RATIFY)

#09-1004 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN OPEN PUBLIC RECORDS-RECORDS INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

#09-1005 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL REQUESTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009 BUDGET

#09-1006 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL REQUESTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO APPROVE INSERTION OF SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE 2009 BUDGET

#09-1007 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL ESTABLISHING A NEW PETTY CASH FUND

#09-1008 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A "BYOB LICENSE" PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 62 OF THE TOWNSHIP COD OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL

#09-1009 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL SUPPORTING THE COUNTY FREEHOLDERS RESOLUTION NO 09-974 SUPPORTING THE DREDGING OF SHARK RIVER

#09-1010 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL

#09-1011 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE

COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL

#09-1012 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL

#09-1013 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR ON-LINE COMPUTER PROCESSING SERVICES WITH VITAL COMPUTER RESOURCES

#09-1014 - RESOLUTION - RE: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE NJ DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF SHARING DISPATCH AND PRISONER DETENTION FUNCTIONS

#09-1015 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A NEW PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE AND AUTHORIZING THE SOLICITATION OF SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SAME

#09-1016 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL ENDORSEMENTS FOR APPROVAL OF PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEPTIC SYSTEM APPLICATION FOR ALLAIRE STATE PARK GROUP CABIN, BLOCK 958, LOT 7

#09-1017 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL SCHEDULING A SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING

#09-1018 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR BRASS GOODS FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#09-1019 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF BIDS FOR COLD WATER METERS FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

#09-1020 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF TAXES DUE TO DISABLE VETERAN

#09-1021 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN WATER/SEWER REFUNDS

#09-1022 - A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WALL AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RAFFLE - WOMAN'S CLUB ALLAIRE - 50/50 - APRIL 20, 2010 BENEFIT LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

RAFFLE - WEST BELMAR PTA - 50/50 - NOVEMBER 13, 2009 - BENEFIT WEST BELMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RAFFLE - CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS & EDUCATORS - 50/50 - NOVEMBER 14, 2009 - BENEFIT CENTRAL SCHOOL

RAFFLE - CENTRAL ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS & EDUCATORS - GIFT AUCTION - NOVEMBER 14, 2009 - BENEFIT CENTRAL SCHOOL

STREET CLOSING - BLOCK PARTY - SPRING STREET - OCTOBER 17, 2009 1-6 P.M. (RAIN DATE 10/18/09)

ONE DAY SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT - JASON'S DREAMS FOR KIDS - 10/10/09 1-7 P.M. - BENEFIT - GRANT WISHES TO CHILDREN (RATIFY)

ONE DAY SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT - WALL COMMUNITY FIRST AID - NOVEMBER 6, 2009, BENEFIT COMMUNITY FIRST AID SQUAD - 6:30-9:30 P.M.

### **End of Consent Agenda**

### **Comments from Township Committee**

Committeeman Foster advised that there is about a \$3,000 a week saving with the recycling stickers, or \$600 a dumpster. This could be a drastic savings of \$154,000 a year. This shows how many people from other towns were using our facility. There have been over 2,000 stickers issued so far. Applications will be included in the next water bill.

Committeeman Foster advised that Wall Auto Wreckers is held up by the DEP. The Committee is authorizing the bid for a new liquor license to be used in that corridor. The Committee is also putting up all its available land for sale to help next year's budget.

Committeeman Foster also said that he would not take his \$4,500 salary until all his employees come back to full pay. Mr. Foster also made a motion to stop all health benefits for any new Township Committee members and the water/sewer authorities. This could save \$135,000 a year. Mr. Oxley will be looking into this to see if it is feasible.

### **Audience Participation**

Heath Bono, Wall Police Department, noted that crime has increased in Wall Township and the Wall Police also help

residents with things like flat tires. This is not found in other towns. Mr. Bono noted that there is a global financial situation which hasn't spared Wall Township and asked that laying off police be avoided. The police department has done work to cut the budget including not hiring new officers after retirements. Their goal is to ensure that all police officers keep their job and maintain order. Mr. Bono asked the Committee for more time before making any decisions on the budget. The police are ready to do their part to help the town. The safety and security of the town is in jeopardy. Mr. Bono asked that communication be kept open.

Mayor Clayton replied that the Committee wants to stay open and they appreciate all the work the police do. They go above and beyond the call of duty. The Committee does not want to see one man get laid off. They want to work for a solution so that doesn't happen.

Deputy Mayor Newberry stated that the Committee is hoping to move forward and they are waiting to hear any amendments or augmentations or discovery of millions of dollars that we didn't know that we had. This is the last alternative and time is getting shorter. If the police have ideas, the Committee is ready for them. All the Committee is here and open for discussion.

Committeeman Foster said that within the next two years, there may be fifteen officers retiring. The young officers are our future and we don't want to get rid of them. Mr. Bono said that they oppose uncompensated leave because it looks good on paper, but there is a loss of manpower. The police are looking for other ideas.

Dave Wobser, DPW, asked if the sale of township property is being done to offset the hole the Township is in now or will it be surplus. Committeeman Hoffman said with one time revenues, if you take it and put it in the budget, it skews the budget. It creates a gap in what it costs to run the government. Next year, that expense is not there and we will have the same problems. If we sell the property it wouldn't solve the problem. We will probably use it to pay down debt.

Committeeman Foster thanked the union and DPW who gave the Committee about fourteen suggestions and the Committee went with all of them to ease the budget.

Greg, Tennis Court, asked the Committee to look at other cuts rather than lay offs in the police department so that the Township will be protected. It is the fiscal responsibility of the Committee and they should stop finger pointing. The Committee needs to look into deferred pension payments. The

responsibility should not be on the backs of the police. We should not be led into a public safety concern.

Committeeman Hoffman replied that no one on the Township Committee has asked for lay offs. Those words have not come out of the Committee's mouths. The Committee has asked for ideas. They have never, ever asked for lay offs. Unfortunately, if nothing else happens, that is where we will head. Mr. Hoffman told the residents to look at the presentation on the website and if they have questions, they can contact him. The Committee does not want one person to be laid off. They offered one option so no one will get laid off. Mr. Bono said that he has ideas and the Committee is looking forward to hearing them.

Deputy Mayor Newberry stated that the Committee took the deferred pension so that we could look at the situation ahead. This is what we are doing. If we didn't do this, we would have been dealing with a traffic accident. By taking the deferment, we are managing as we are moving forward. The Committee has dealt with the office staff, the DPW and are now working with the police department. Legally, this is the only thing we can do. We will certainly address and work with any ideas that the police have.

Mr. Newberry continued that the Committee is looking at the 2010 budget since the beginning of 2009 knowing the problems ahead. They have found many cuts and hope to find more. All the employees are losing on this and the tax payers will lose with this. We can't predict the numbers for the State Aid. We could budget more realistically if we knew what those numbers are. Mr. Newberry said that he hoped Mr. Bono agrees that the Committee is looking to get the issue that will put together and work. An offer was made. Lay offs is the last possible thing in the pile. None of the Committee wants to go there.

Committeeman Hoffman added that the Township could not have made the pension payment last year. The CAP included the payment under it. We did not have the money to make it. This year the State moved the pension payment outside the CAP. We need to have probably a 4% increase in taxes. Last year we could not make that payment because it was inside the CAP.

Vincent Petrozelli, stated that he looked at the budget on line. Mr. Petrozelli said that the police department has made cuts. They lost the resource officer and the hostage negotiator. We would be laying off officers that have four years experience. We have invested a ton of money in these people, they are trained. This doesn't make sense. Chief Morris said that through attrition the department will lose

two men this year and two next year. Give Dave Morris a chance to work this out and not cut his leg off.

Committeeman Hoffman stated that the Committee hasn't suggested or asked for lay offs of any officers. The committee made one proposal that involves no lay offs and Mr. Hoffman said that he hopes Heath Bono will bring other proposals. This Township Committee has never once asked for lay offs. We hope that the Police will bring new ideas forward and that we will not have to lay off.

Mayor Clayton said that this is not the avenue the Committee chose to go down. There is a large portion of officers in the next 2-3 years who can retire. With that so close, we can't lose anyone. There is a short gap that we need to get through without laying off officers. Then there will be attrition. Hopefully, we will be able to bridge the gap between now and then.

Committeeman Hoffman said that in his time on the Committee, we have hired three officers and he doesn't want to lose them. They are excellent officers and the Township Committee wants to find those creative ideas so no one is laid off.

Mike Malone, expressed his concerns about lay offs. He doesn't believe that anyone in town should suffer that. Money has already been laid out for the police academy and asked if any thought has gone into getting that money back. Committeeman Hoffman said there is no answer if it comes to that. Mr. Hoffman said his presentation is on the website and Mr. Malone should look at it. There have been two problems historically of using surplus and fund with money we didn't have. We had three years with no pension payment and this year it's 2.7 million. That is a third of our budget.

Mayor Clayton said that there are items that are out of our control. The State pension system, we have to come up with that money. The State is in a crisis and dumped it on us. We don't have the money, but we are trying.

Mr. Malone asked the committee not to spend money that we don't have.

Laurie Aramondo, Winfield Drive, thanked Jeff Foster for giving up his salary of \$4,500 and asked the rest of the Committee if they did this also. Committeeman Hoffman said that he took a 15% cut and Deputy Mayor Newberry and Committeewoman Conte did the same. Mayor Clayton is going to be leaving the Committee. Ms. Aramondo said that \$22,500 is not a lot in the budget and appreciates the 15% but next year

the members should follow Mr. Foster and take no salary. All volunteers do not take salary or benefits.

Committeeman Hoffman said that operating expenses in the Township are frozen at the 2006 levels. The police department 2006 operating expense is \$634,000. On July 1<sup>st</sup> this year, the Committee asked for a 5% cut for the rest of the year. On January 1, 2010, there will be 10% cut again. Next year they will get \$483,000. Every operating budget will get that 10%. We will cut 10% through attrition. There are furloughs. Even if we do all of these things, we are still looking at a significant tax increase next year.

Mike Malone asked if the Committee is still planning Wall Day next year. Committeeman Hoffman said Wall Day cost \$22,000 and that he would personally like to do this again, but would like to find private sponsors for that. Mr. Malone asked if we would need police. Mr. Hoffman said that this is included in the \$22,000. Mr. Hoffman said that there are certain things that you do as a government that bring community together. One thing is fireworks and Wall Day. If we push that aside, we lose something.

Mr. Malone said he still does not want to see one person laid off. Deputy Mayor Newberry said that he spoke about this in executive session. He also spoke out last year because of the expense. Mr. Newberry asked that the numbers be done over. Mr. Hoffman asked for outside support for next year. If we don't have this by early next year, Mr. Newberry said he could not go ahead with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Mr. Newberry said that the Firecracker race breaks even. It pays for the compensation for the officers and he can run it; but, he can't go along with additional money spending. There will also be no compensation for the Township Committee for the League of Municipality convention if they are going to attend, except for the \$40 registration fee. No one will be compensated by the town.

Committeeman Foster agreed with Mr. Newberry on the Wall Day. If Committeeman Hoffman can't get the money, it will not happen, especially if there are lay offs.

Dave Wobser, DPW, asked about the 2009 capital improvements. Mr. Hoffman said that \$300,000 is for police communications and \$200,000 is for road repaving. We do this every year. Mr. Foster noted that there might only be 6-7 roads paved with that amount, and next year might cut it out totally. Deputy Mayor Newberry said that it has been \$250,000 for the last eighteen years. We are trying to move forward the best we can and the cost of asphalt has gone down this

year. We have maintained the same number for the last eighteen years.

Mike Malone asked Mr. Verruni for his salary and if he was taking a cut. Mr. Verruni stated \$167,000 and that he is taking the same sixteen day cut as everyone else. Mr. Malone asked if effected his pension. Mr. Verruni said no.

Heath Bono said that he hopes the committee can work out Wall Day for next year with sponsors. But if not, we can forego it for one year. Mr. Bono also said that it takes eighteen months for an officer to start working. The committee should keep an eye on the future and look at retirements. We need a pool of candidates to choose from.

Mr. Bono asked if they come up with a positive number, will it be applied. Committeeman Hoffman said that on certain things, the committee made guesses on. If these are worse than we thought, than he doesn't know. But if it's better than we thought, we will share it with everyone. If we were over aggressive with uncollected taxes, State Aid, pension payments, we will o back to everyone and make it 14-15 days.

Deputy Mayor Newberry said the State Aid, which are actually franchise taxes that the State gives back, had a \$200,000 cut this year. We are pleased with our tax collection rate at 98.6%. A small percentage in that will skew everything here completely. It can send our budget into a tailspin. It seems to us that tax collection is staying in a good position.

Committeeman Hoffman stated that debt service doesn't affect the budget. If we have to borrow money, it doesn't hit us. At this point and time, we are faced with having to borrow \$3.5 million debt service for COAH to fulfill our obligation. We hope something changes with that.

Dave Wobser, DPW, said that if we keep bonding, it keeps adding up and we will be right back in the same hole. Committeeman Hoffman said that he is looking at an ordinance for capping non-essential spending for the Township Committee. If the Committee wants to do something and it's non-essential over a certain amount, they will have to go out and ask the public for approval.

Gary Krakorian, Belmar Boulevard, stated that this is not just a police problem. It's a police and school problem. The schools are equally responsible. Mr. Krakorian stated that the President said that the US has a vast and complex economic problem in the future. The recession is not ending, things will get worse. The Asbury Park Press showed the salaries of

government workers. Mr. Krakorian noted that salaries are outrageous and we should look at the private sector. No one should be laid off, everyone should give up a little, but it shouldn't be furloughs. There has to be ways both sides could agree on.

Something has to be done for ne hires. Something has to be figured out so the next generation of people hired has to ease up a little bit on the salary. Whoever has a contract now, that's ok. But something needs to change in the future. Everyone needs to get real. Everyone should be fair with each other.

Committeewoman Conte thanked everyone for coming out. Mrs. Conte said when she ran for office she had one vision to work for the residents of this town. This is one of the biggest struggles and challenges of her career. The Committee wants to work collaboratively as with the DPW. It is not their mission to lay off officers to jeopardize safety of our residents and families. As a registered nurse, they are also going through this and come up with solutions. No one has been laid off. There are open lines of communications and they should be kept open.

Mrs. Conte said the committee has one vision and one mission to work with the police and to not have one person laid off. There is a lot of training and investment that goes into this. The Committee wants to take that with them when they look at this. They listen and evaluate and want everyone to take that with them when they leave and move forward with it.

There being no further comments, Committeeman Foster made a motion to adjourn. Deputy Mayor Newberry seconded the motion and all members voted yes. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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**TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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**MAYOR**