

May 11, 2010

A Special Meeting was held by the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury on May 11, 2010 at 1715 Route 46, Ledgewood, New Jersey at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was published in the Daily Record; faxed to the Daily Record, Newark Star Ledger, and the Roxbury Register; and posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on May 4, 2010 for the 6:00 p.m. Special Meeting to discuss the 2010/2011 defeated school budget and on December 19, 2009 for the Regular Meeting scheduled for 7:30pm.

ROLL CALL (Present): Councilman Gary Behrens
Councilwoman Kathy DeFillippo (arrival 6:10PM)
Deputy Mayor Fred Hall
Councilman Martin Schmidt
Councilman Tim Smith
Councilman Richard Zoschak
Mayor Jim Rilee

Also Present: Christopher Raths, Township Manager
Anthony Bucco, Esq., Township Attorney
Amy Rhead, Acting Township Clerk

2010/2011 SCHOOL BUDGET DEFEAT

The following gave an overview of their findings and suggestions regarding the defeated school budget:

- Ms. Judith Tutela, CPA, RMA, PSA from the firm Carr, Daley, Sullivan & Weir; and
- Ronald DeFillippis, Joseph Leonhard, Gary Smith, Robert Mazzei, and Frank Farrone from the volunteer independent review committee appointed by the Council (Glenn Thurnes was not present)

Ms. Tutela advised against any further reduction of the fund balance. Mr. DeFillippis stated that Roxbury's school budget could be more user-friendly. He also stated that Roxbury's per-pupil costs were higher than Randolph's even though they are similar in geographical location and enrollment. Budget issues were attributed to transportation, administration and maintenance costs. Discussion ensued regarding the possible cost savings that could be realized through the privatization of transportation, maintenance, food service, payroll and other services.

School Board President, Mr. John Moschella, verified that 140 credits are required in order to graduate from Roxbury High School. Mr. Behrens stated that substantial savings could be realized if Roxbury adjusted their requirement to match the state-recommended level of 120 credits.

PUBLIC PORTION

Mary Ellen DiPillo

7 Constitution Avenue, Succasunna

In response to the per-student cost difference between Randolph and Roxbury, Ms. DiPillo stated that she is a Randolph elementary school teacher and feels that Roxbury students are receiving a better education than Randolph students.

Greg Somjen

42 Cornhollow Road, Succasunna

Disclaimer: Mr. Somjen stated that he was speaking on his own behalf and not on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Somjen stated that, even though Roxbury's per-pupil costs were higher than Randolph's, they are the same as Jefferson's and lower than Montville's or Wayne's. He stated that Roxbury shows more improvement than other districts. Mr. Somjen opposed any further reductions in the school budget.

Chris Rogers

3 Ford Road, Landing

Disclaimer: Mr. Rogers stated that he was speaking on his own behalf and not on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Rogers stated that the Buildings and Grounds section of the budget had double digit increases. He asked Board President Moschella to provide the public with a copy of a report entitled "Ed-vocate Report" which outlines savings that could be realized in the Buildings and Grounds department. Mr. Rogers also claimed that members of the Board of Education never received a copy of the entire school budget.

Annette Brooks

14 Walker Avenue, Succasunna

Disclaimer: Ms. Brooks stated that she was speaking on her own behalf and not on behalf of the Board of Education.

Ms. Brooks stated that Randolph High School actually has more administrative positions than Roxbury does. She stated that adequacy levels are important and should not be lowered. Ms. Brooks discussed an email that a friend of hers received from Mr. Zoschak. She claimed that, in the email, Mr. Zoschak suggested that the cost savings that could be realized if the REA membership contributed to their health benefits and/or accepted a pay freeze might avoid some positions from being eliminated. Ms. Brooks stated that she felt that the content of the email seemed threatening.

Mayor Rilee spoke about his recent letter to the REA praising them for their hard work and respectfully requesting that they consider a pay freeze, but that there was never a threat to reduce staff if the teachers did not accept.

Elizabeth Heddy

7 Fox Chase Lane, Ledgewood

Ms. Heddy stated that she was previously employed as a teacher in Randolph and currently teaches in Roxbury. She stated that special education needs, as well as, socioeconomic issues should be calculated when making comparisons between districts. Mr. DeFillippis assured Ms. Heddy that the number of classified students was taken into consideration. He stated that Randolph actually has a slightly higher number of students with IEP's, and, therefore, is not a factor in justifying the difference in the per-pupil cost between the two districts.

Joey Schable

Succasunna

As a student of Roxbury High School, Mr. Schable stated that he wrote a letter to Board member Maureen Castriotta regarding the budget. He spoke about his opposition to eliminating student programs.

Mayor Rilee explained that the final decision is made by the Board of Education, but that recommendations for reductions usually target areas that would have the least impact on classroom instruction.

Carol Scheneck

37 Drake Lane, Ledgewood

Disclaimer: Ms. Scheneck stated that she was speaking on her own behalf and not on behalf of the Board of Education.

Ms. Scheneck spoke about her concerns regarding the possibility of the reduction in the fund balance because of the unknown expenses, such as transportation and special

education. She stated that privatization is not always safe. She suggested that comparisons be made with districts other than just Randolph.

Virginia Mushinski
17 Evergreen Avenue, Wharton

Ms. Mushinski questioned the need for two assistant superintendents. She also asked how the assistant superintendents and the superintendent would have enough extra time in their days to teach a proposed “mentoring class”. Ms. Mushinski stated that she recognizes the importance of a good education, but cannot support an increase in the tax rate.

Tom Carey
42 St. Mary Drive, Succasunna

Mr. Carey stated that the Board of Education determines how the money is spent, not the Council.

Alfonse Rispoli
33 Conkling Road, Flanders

Mr. Rispoli stated that there have been numerous reductions in the school budget already.

Mayor Rilee explained the process which mandates the Council to provide an exact list of recommendations for reductions, but that the final decision is made by the Board of Education.

Audra Sarafin
13 Matthew Court, Landing

Ms. Sarafin stated that she has two children enrolled in the district and is also an employee. Ms. Sarafin asked the Council members to consider the future of the school district and the students and not to be swayed by the politics.

Ron Lucas
3 Perin Place, Succasunna

Mr. Lucas stated that he was employed in the Randolph school system for twenty-eight (28) years. He agreed that cost comparisons should be made between districts other than just Randolph. He spoke about his concerns regarding the long-term, negative impact of reductions. He complimented Roxbury for their accomplishments in sports and performing arts programs.

Anthony Petridis
84 Orben Drive, Landing

Mr. Petridis referred to a website that lists job titles that each school district utilizes. He asked about a \$71,000 position listed for Roxbury that was categorized as “Other Than Above”. He stated that there are several positions that seemed redundant, such as, two Supervisors of Elementary Education, a Supervisor of Special Education and a Director of Special Education, two Learning Disability Teacher Consultants, and four Assistant Principals, each with their own personal secretary. He also asked about a high school employee who was listed as teaching remedial Social Studies for grades five through eight.

Mr. Rath stated that those claims would have to be verified.

Craig Pedersen
9 Kelly Drive, Succasunna

Mr. Pedersen stated that the Council should consider affordability formulas, as well as the Board’s mission statement, while analyzing the budget data.

Ralph Nappi
29 Ford Road, Landing

Mr. Nappi asked for the process to be explained again. Mayor Rilee stated that the Council is required to recommend a total dollar amount and specific areas to be reduced. If the school Board does not appeal the decision to the state, then they must

accept the total amount of the Council's recommendation; however, they can make cuts wherever they deem appropriate as long, as the total amount equals the Council's recommended dollar amount.

Mary Lucas
3 Perin Place, Succasunna

Ms. Lucas stated she is glad that the School Board has such highly educated individuals making the final decision as to where to implement the budget cuts.

Dennis Wine
4 Holly Drive, Succasunna

Mr. Wine asked what the current tax rate is. Mr. Wine spoke about the amount his taxes were going to go up due to the elimination of the property tax rebate and other expected tax increases.

Greg Somjen
42 Cornhollow Road, Succasunna

Disclaimer: Mr. Somjen stated that he was speaking on his own behalf and not on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Somjen stated that media reports are not always accurate. He also spoke of the special circumstances that school districts are confronted with. Mr. Somjen stated that the Roxbury Board of Education had permission to go above a four percent cap, but collectively chose not to.

Chris Rogers
3 Ford Road, Landing

Disclaimer: Mr. Rogers stated that he was speaking on his own behalf and not on behalf of the Board of Education.

Mr. Rogers spoke about the importance of members of the public becoming involved by attending school board meetings.

Mayor Rilee thanked all those involved for their hard work and civility throughout the entire process. He encouraged the public to attend the joint meeting between the Council and the Board of Education next week.

Mayor Rilee amended the order of the agenda to allow for a recess in the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None

PUBLIC PORTION

Dennis Wine
4 Holly Drive, Succasunna

Mr. Wine asked about the significant discrepancies in the salary and benefit line items between the sewer department employees and the water department employees. Mr. Rath stated that he would get back to Mr. Wine with an answer after conferring with the Finance Department.

Samuel Vaia
Port Morris & Hackettstown

Mr. Vaia stated that he spent a few hundred dollars to obtain documents and contracts from the Township regarding the McNear site and that his research has confirmed a potential for serious problems with the aquifer. He stated that the contour lines are not being followed, that there is not a mining permit for the mountain and that the location was never permitted to be a quarry.

Mr. Rath detailed the agencies that have been investigating and checking on every concern that has been brought to the attention of the Council. Mr. Vaia stated that he never expressed any concern regarding the blasting.

Craig Pedersen
9 Kelly Drive, Succasunna

Mr. Petersen suggested that the Council compare the cost-per-pupil to out of state schools.

Mr. Smith stated that one of the reasons that comparisons cannot be made with other school districts in other states may not have to deal with unfunded state mandates like New Jersey does.

Mark Pezzuto
Kingsland Road, Landing

Mr. Pezzuto asked if Mr. Bucco and Mr. Rath had made any progress on reviewing the contract with McNear. Mr. Bucco stated that their research is not yet complete.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES, COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Zoschak reported on the dedication ceremony of the new Turf Field.

Mr. Zoschak reported that approximately \$185,000 is expected from IBOAT grant money to be used for administration costs and weed harvesting.

Mr. Zoschak asked what the previous block and lot number was for Landing Duck Pond. Mr. Rath stated that he will find out and get back to Mr. Zoschak with the information.

Mr. Zoschak reported on the recent Fire Chief's meeting. Fire Company No.1 would like to know if the fire trucks can be parked at the building across the street while their parking lot is being paved.

Mr. Zoschak stated that the firemen and policemen are encountering difficulty in communicating with each other due to problems with their portable radios.

Mr. Zoschak informed attendees to contact Mike Pellek for information on a free smoke detector program for those individuals who meet the income criteria.

Mr. Smith stated that the Economic Development Committee did not meet last month.

Mr. Smith stated that the Water and Sewer Committee will meet a week from Friday.

Mr. Smith reported on last week's Open Space Committee meeting and stated that the goal setting has been completed and will be presented to the Council in May.

Mr. Behrens stated that the Main Street Committee is scheduled to meet on May 12, 2010.

Mr. Behrens reminded attendees that Historic Berkshire Valley Day will take place on May 15, 2010.

Mrs. DeFillippo announced that the next Neighborhood Meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2010.

Deputy Mayor Hall reported that he, along with Mr. Zoschak and Mr. Schmidt, attended 50th anniversary of the Roxbury Public Library.

Deputy Mayor Hall announced that all volunteers are welcome to assist with the reconstruction of the Imagination Station playground at Horseshoe Lake. All sporting events that were originally scheduled to take place have either been cancelled or

relocated. Deputy Mayor Hall asked that signage regarding the construction be posted and that extra police presence be provided for the duration of the project.

Deputy Mayor Hall asked Mr. Raths to find out if the Historical Committee and/or the owner of Tom's Diner might be interested in rehabilitating the building.

Mayor Rilee stated that he, along with other Morris County mayors, met with the Lieutenant Governor and discussed the budget cap and binding arbitration.

Mayor Rilee stated the Council needs to continue to search for a Risk Manager for the JIF. Mr. Smith stated that Risk managers must possess a New Jersey insurance license.

Mr. Raths stated that he would assume the role of commissioner for the HIF and the JIF.

A. New Business

B. Old Business

1. Procurement Policy

**MATTERS REQUESTED/REFERRED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS,
MANAGER, ATTORNEY OR CLERK**

A. Q1 Financials

Mr. Raths reported that 23% of the protected budget has been recouped.

Mr. Zoschak asked about the Engineering Department's budget. Mr. Raths stated that a reallocation of expenses still needs to be completed.

Mr. Smith asked about the tax collection rate. Mr. Raths stated that it is currently at 96.8%, compared to 96.7% at this time last year.

DRAFT ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION

None

INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

None

HEARING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

11-10 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY, NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT, NEW COMMUNICATION AND SIGNAL SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT AND NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLES AND A NEW FIRE ENGINE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$2,500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO APPROPRIATE TRUST FUND MONEYS OF THE TOWNSHIP AND VARIOUS GRANTS, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT OR FULLY FUND APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mr. Zoschak made a motion to open Ordinance No.11-10 to the public. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Zoschak – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mr. Behrens- Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes Mr. Schmidt – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

No public comment.

Deputy Mayor Hall made a motion to close Ordinance No.11-10 to the public. Mr. Zoschak seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes Mr. Zoschak – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Mr. Schmidt – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

Mr. Zoschak made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 11-10. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Zoschak – Yes Mr. Schmidt – Yes
Mr. Behrens- Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

12-10 BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAKING OF VARIOUS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$95,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.

Mrs. DeFillippo made a motion to open Ordinance No.12-10 to the public. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mr. Behrens- Yes Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes
Mr. Schmidt – Yes Mr. Zoschak – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

No public comment.

Mr. Zoschak made a motion to close Ordinance No.12-10 to the public. Mrs. DeFillippo seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Zoschak – Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes
Mr. Schmidt – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.12-10. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith – Yes Mr. Schmidt – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes Mr. Zoschak – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

13-10 CAPITAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE MAKING OF VARIOUS SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF A NEW AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE, INCLUDING ORIGINAL APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, IN, BY AND FOR THE SEWER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP, APPROPRIATING THEREFOR THE SUM OF \$350,000 AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH SUM SO APPROPRIATED SHALL BE RAISED FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND OF THE TOWNSHIP.

Mrs. DeFillippo made a motion to open Ordinance No.13-10 to the public. Mr. Zoschak seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes Mr. Zoschak – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes
Mr. Schmidt – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Greg Somjen

42 Cornhollow Road, Succasunna

Mr. Somjen asked if this ordinance for new bonds is for more than three-million dollars. Mr. Rath clarified that it was for a total of \$455,000 for a new fire truck.

Mr. Zoschak made a motion to close Ordinance No.13-10 to the public. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Zoschak – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mr. Behrens- Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes Mr. Schmidt – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

Mrs. DeFillippo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.13-10. Mr. Zoschak seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes Mr. Zoschak – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes
Mr. Schmidt – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

**14-10 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET
APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK
(N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

Mrs. DeFillippo made a motion to open Ordinance No.14-10 to the public. Mr. Zoschak seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes Mr. Zoschak – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes
Mr. Schmidt – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

No public comment.

Mrs. DeFillippo made a motion to close Ordinance No.14-10 to the public. Mr. Zoschak seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes Mr. Zoschak – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes
Mr. Schmidt – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance No.14-10. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Smith – Yes Mr. Schmidt – Yes
Mr. Behrens – Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes Mr. Zoschak – yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR DISCUSSION

None

INTRODUCTION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

10-126 A RESOLUTION INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE HEREIN
AND APPROVING THE FOLLOWING NUMBERED
RESOLUTIONS LISTED ON THE REGULAR COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA FOR THIS DATE:
10-127, 10-128, 10-129, 10-130, 10-132

Mr. Zoschak made a motion to adopt Resolution No.10-126. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Zoschak – Yes Mr. Schmidt – Yes
Mr. Behrens- Yes Mrs. DeFillippo – Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes Mr. Smith – Yes
Mayor Rilee – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

- 10-127** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF A PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE POSTED WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY IN CONNECTION WITH WORK PERFORMED AND ACCEPTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A TOWNSHIP RIGHT-OF-WAY EXCAVATION PERMIT
- 10-128** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUND OF UNUSED ENGINEERING INSPECTION FEES POSTED WITH THE TOWNSHIP IN CONNECTION WITH WORK PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH VARIOUS TOWNSHIP MINOR SOIL RELOCATION PERMITS
- 10-129** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY RHEAD AS ACTING TOWNSHIP CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY
- 10-130** A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHELLE PINCUS AS ACTING TOWNSHIP DEPUTY CLERK FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY
- 10-131** NOT USED
- 10-132** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF BILLS

PERSONNEL CHANGES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

April 30, 2010

#4 Correspondence from Anthony Bucco, Assemblyman, to Mayor Rilee, dated April 22, 2010, re: letter addressing the New Jersey DOT imposed weight restriction on Route 46 bridge over NJ Transit and Rockaway River in Dover
Mr. Bucco spoke about the impact on local traffic due to the closure of the bridge on Route 46 in Dover. Mr. Schmidt asked about the cost of the project.

#11 Correspondence from Colleen Kling, Program Coordinator, New Jersey's Clean Energy Program, to Christopher Rath, Township Manager, dated April 15, 2010, re: Local Government Energy Audit Program

In response to a question from Mr. Smith, Mr. Rath stated that the Township had received a sixty (60) day extension to submit the Energy Audit.

May 7, 2010

#1, Item G Company 2 Annex

Mr. Zoschak asked about the status of the Fire Company No. 2 Annex building. Mr. Rath stated that an update would be available soon.

#1, Item Q-b Interlocal Shared Services: Health and Construction Randolph (awaiting revised MOA from Randolph)

Mr. Zoschak asked about the status of the shared services initiative with Randolph's Health Services. Mr. Rath stated the final version should be available for Council's consideration in the near future.

#9 Correspondence from Mary Cilurso, Rockaway Township Clerk, re: "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION CONTAINING SUBSTANTIAL REFORMS TO THE POLICE AND FIRE FIGHTERS BINDING ARBITRATION PROCESS", adopted April 6, 2010

Mr. Zoschak suggested that the Township adopt the above resolution. Mr. Rath stated that it would be included on the next agenda for Council's consideration.

#12 Correspondence from Robyn Lance, Secretary, to Christopher Rath, Township Manager, dated May 6, 2010, re: cost savings by switching Township's express delivery service carrier from FedEx to UPS

Mr. Zoschak recognized the efforts of Robyn Lance in saving the Township money by switching to a less expensive overnight delivery service company.

#16 Correspondence from Christopher I. Woods, Johnson, Murphy, Hubner, McKeon, Wubbenhorst, Bucco & Appelt, P.C., to Mayor and Council, dated April 28, 2010, re: Rights and Duties of a Volunteer in Local Government

In response to Mr. Smith, Mr. Rath replied that this has been implemented in Roxbury already.

#18 Correspondence from Alan J. Zakin, Chairman, Morris Tomorrow, received May 7, 2010, re: information on application process for annual McFlowertown Award

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Rath to make sure that the McFlowertown Award application is forwarded to the Economic Development Committee.

#20 Correspondence from Christopher Vitz, Supervising Engineer, County of Morris, DPW, Division of Engineering, re: Pre-Construction Conference Meeting for The Chester Branch Railroad Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Rath stated that Mr. Blood, Mr. Kobylarz and Mr. Stierli would be attending the reconstruction meeting for the Chester Branch Rehabilitation Project.

PUBLIC PORTION

Maureen Castriotta

21 Salmon Road, Landing

Disclaimer: Ms. Castriotta stated that he was speaking on his own behalf and not on behalf of the Board of Education.

In response to a question from Ms. Castriotta, Mayor Rilee and Mr. Rath responded that the paid auditor's recommendations that were presented at tonight's meeting were not yet finalized. Ms. Castriotta asked when the Council's final decision will be available. Mayor Rilee stated that the Council will vote on the final recommendation at the joint Township Council/Board of Education meeting on Monday, May 18, 2010.

Robert Kluska

274 Emmans Road, Flanders

Mr. Kluska asked if the Township would be hosting a formal Open House ceremony for the new Department of Public Works facility. Mayor Rilee responded affirmatively. Mr. Rath stated that it would be sometime in June.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

10-133 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ROXBURY, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CONFERENCE OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL WITH THE PUBLIC EXCLUDED

At 9:30 PM, Mr. Zoschak made a motion to adopt Resolution No.10-133 for Executive Session. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All in Favor – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 PM, Mr. Zoschak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schmidt seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All in Favor – Yes

Motion carried 7 to 0.

Submitted By:

Amy E. Rhead
Acting Township Clerk

MINUTES APPROVED BY COUNCIL

DATE: November 30, 2010

ROLL CALL: Councilman Zoschak – Yes
Councilman Schmidt – Yes
Councilman Behrens – Yes
Councilwoman DeFillippo – Yes
Deputy Mayor Hall – Yes
Councilman Smith – Abstain
Mayor Rilee – Yes