

October 19, 2010

A Neighborhood Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was held on October 19, 2010 at 7:00PM in the meeting room of the Company No.2 Firehouse located on Shippenport Road in Landing. This meeting was held for the purpose of general discussion with Township residents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Roxbury was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows: Notice was faxed to the Daily Record, the Newark Star Ledger and the Roxbury Register on December 18, 2009; notice was posted on the bulletin board in the main hallway of the Municipal Building on December 18, 2009.

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

Also Present: Christopher Rath, Township Manager
Lisa Spring, CFO/Treasurer
Amy Rhead, Acting Township Clerk

Public: approximately twenty (20) members of the public

OPENING REMARKS

Mayor Rilee thanked everyone for attending and spoke about the success of the Neighborhood Meetings.

A. Introduction of Council Members

Mayor Rilee introduced members of the Council.

B. Introduction of Staff

Mayor Rilee introduced the Township Manager, CFO and Township Clerk.

STATUS OF LANDING ROAD BRIDGE

Mr. Rath reviewed the expected timeline for the bridge project. He said that one lane may be closed for a two week period.

2010 "TO DO" STATUS UPDATE

Mr. Rath reviewed the completed and outstanding items on the 2010 "To Do" list. He advised members of the public that the list was also available on the Township website.

BUDGET 101 PRESENTATION

Lisa Spring and Chris Rath presented basic budget information to the Council and members of the public. They spoke about the challenges associated with the 2% cap, reduction in revenue, and not knowing what the 2011 State Aid amount would be.

Comments from residents included questions about the fund balance, general operating expenses, departmental costs, health insurance, and pension costs. Discussion also took place about the savings from outsourcing not being realized until future years because of the costs of unemployment benefits for those workers who were laid off.

Council members reviewed some of the cost savings initiatives that had already been implemented, such as transferring the dispatch system to the County and usage of the lockbox and banking service for bill paying. Mr. Raths said that Roxbury believes in transparency during the creation of the budget and appreciates public input and involvement.

Mayor Rilee added that the Township was taking a lead role in opposing unfunded mandates.

QUESTIONS – PUBLIC PORTION

Members of the public asked questions and spoke about issues on such topics as:

- speeding on Dell Road
- traffic in Landing
- status of the playground project (McNear property)
- railroad expansion and connection
- Board of Education looking into the possibility of privatizing their transportation services
- Status of the building of the development on Shippenport Road
- the possibility of turf field installation at Horseshoe Lake park
- regulations regarding charity event signs

Councilwoman DeFillippo reminded everyone of the date for “make a Difference Day” and encouraged all to participate.

Information was provided regarding the dates and times of the “Haunted Beach” program presented by Fire Company # 2 and sponsored by the Shore Hills Country Club.

At 8:30PM, Councilwoman DeFillippo made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Smith 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: October 25, 2011

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