

EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

**February 27, 2010
Budget Meeting**

The East Windsor Township Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2010.

Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye certified that the meeting was noticed as a special meeting on February 17, 2010. Notices were sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Municipal Building. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Marc Lippman, Council Members, Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro and Marsha Weinstein. Also present were: Township Manager Alan M. Fisher and Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye. Council Members Walter Daniels was absent.

PUBLIC FORUM: None

Mayor Mironov stated that because of the extraordinary financial circumstances that the Township is facing in 2010, along with the rest of the State, we have directed staff last year to move well ahead of schedule to put together a proposed spending plan and a draft budget so that Council could identify as early as possible actions that may need to be taken to ensure that money was not spent that the Township does not expect to have. We did not wish to reach crisis proportions in April/May because we were well out of anything we could afford and also we wanted to make sure the Township was left in a viable situation going into 2011. In accordance with that, Council made some changes quickly before 2009 was over and we continued to make changes to ensure the financial integrity of the Town and that we can stabilize our finances for the year 2010.

Council went through the budget on Thursday and again today. Thereafter, it is the Council's intention to put the budget on hold. We need to hear what the Governor is intending to do in March regarding municipal aid. Our budget assumes flat aid right now and any other unknowns that may affect our spending plan and our draft budget for the year. We do not have a lot of wiggle room in this budget. There is basically a cap with really no revenue to put into the budget. Anything in means something out. After these meetings we are going to put the budget on hold and return to it at the end of March, early April when we have all the necessary information to finalize our spending decisions.

East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 – Chief Kevin Brink was present. Council reviewed the budget. Additional information was requested to be provided to Mayor and Council.

East Windsor Volunteer Fire Company No. 2 – Chief Barry Rashkin was present. Council reviewed the budget. Additional information was requested to be provided to Mayor and Council.

East Windsor Rescue Squad, District 2 - Rita Teubner, President, was present. Council reviewed the budget. Additional information was requested to be provided to Mayor and Council.

Police: Uniform Division/Investigative Services/Criminal Prevention – DARE/General Administration/Support Services/Training/Communications/Emergency Management/9-1-1/Municipal Prosecutor/Juvenile Conference Bureau/Animal Control/Animal Control – Interlocal Agreement - Chief William Spain and Rita Teubner were present. Council reviewed the budgets. Additional information was requested to be provided to Mayor and Council.

Public Works: Road Repairs and Maintenance/Administration of Public Works/Ward Street Buildings and Grounds/Municipal Complex Building and Grounds/Mechanics Police Vehicles/Mechanics Administration Vehicles/Mechanics Public Works Vehicles/Parks and Playgrounds/Condominium Associations Services Act – William Askenstedt, Public Works Director was present. Council reviewed the budget. Additional information was requested to be provided to Mayor and Council.

Revenues - Council reviewed the budget.

Better Beginnings – Luz Horta and Liston Abbott were present. Council reviewed the budget.

Zoning Board of Adjustment - Rochelle Shifman, Chairperson – Council reviewed the budget.

Mayor Mironov requested that Township Manager Alan M. Fisher follow-up on all questions and requests for additional information made by Council.

Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

CINDY A. DYE
MUNICIPAL CLERK

JANICE S. MIRONOV
MAYOR