

APPROVED AS AMENDED: April 20, 2015

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

SPECIAL BUSINESS SESSION

April 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: President Maher called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

This is to advise that the notice requirement provided for in the "Open Public Meetings Act" has been satisfied. Notice of this meeting was properly given and transmitted to The Times and Princeton Packet; filed with the Clerk of the Municipality; and posted in the West Windsor Township Municipal Building at North Post and Clarksville Roads on March 31, 2015.

ATTENDEES: President: Maher; Vice President: Geevers; Council: Borek, Mendonez, Samonte; Mayor: Hsueh; Business Administrator: Schmid; Township Attorney: Doobraj; Deputy Township Clerk: Huber

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Ms. Huber led the salute to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Donald Watrous, 131 Cranbury Road, noted his support of Resolution 2015-R078 on tonight's agenda.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Geevers thanked everyone involved in this evenings "Light it Blue" for Autism Awareness month.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ADMINISTRATION AND COUNCIL/CLERK

2015-R078 Requesting the County of Mercer to Approve the Design of the Hybrid Alternative as a means of Providing Pedestrian Safety along Cranbury Road (County Route 615) and that the County Engineering Staff continue to work collaboratively with Township Engineering Staff during the process of Preliminary Engineering Design

Motion to approve: Borek

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

2015 BUDGET INTRODUCTION

Ms. Schmid gave an overview of the budget before Council for introduction. She advised that the municipal tax rate will remain the same as last year at \$0.38.

Ms. Geevers advised that this is the second year the Council has kept the tax rate at a zero increase.

Mr. Mendonez thanked everyone for having an open and transparent budget season.

President Maher advised that the increase to the budget for additional emergency services specialists should not negatively impact the residents. He advised that the Council did take a small portion of the fund balance to balance the budget.

Motion to introduce: Mendonez

Second: Geevers

RCV: aye Borek

aye Geevers

aye Mendonez

aye Samonte

aye Maher

Public Hearing for the Municipal budget is scheduled for May 11, 2015.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. John Church, 11 Princeton Place, inquired what the number for the in cap appropriations is.

Ms. Louth advised that the number can be found on page 19 in the budget document.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, inquired what the difference was between the Council's introduced budget and the Mayor's proposed budget.

President Maher addressed Mr. Weale's questions regarding the differences in the two budgets.

Mr. Pete Weale, 144 Fisher Place, voiced his concerns about the Mayor not attending Council meetings and suggested that his salary be held until he does. He addressed several other issues of concern to him.

COUNCIL REPORTS/DISCUSSION TOPICS/NEW BUSINESS

President Maher advised Mr. Weale that it is the Mayor's choice not to attend Council meetings.

Ms. Geevers wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Geevers
Second: Mendonez
VV: All approved

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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Deputy Township Clerk
West Windsor Township

