

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council opened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor William Budesheim presiding.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** **Astarita, Bush, Carelli, Guis, Falkoski**
 Absent: **Wetzel**

Mayor Budesheim announced that proper notice of this meeting was made as to time, date, place and agenda.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING OF AMENDMENT TO THE 2007 BUDGET AND ADOPTION IN ITS ENTIRETY

RESOLUTIONS:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bush, to approve the following resolution.

- 1) **Resolution No. 48-2007;** Authorizing Self-examination of 2007 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Bush, Carelli, Guis, Falkoski**
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

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PUBLIC HEARING OF AMENDMENT TO 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Mayor Budesheim announced the meeting was open to the public for comments on the budget amendment.

John Conroy stated that he still would like to look at the expenses and see how we can reduce the cost to the town further. He said he followed up on the comment that we have the lowest taxes in New Jersey and that is not entirely accurate. We are the lowest in Morris County however we are the highest in terms of tax increase since 2000. Mayor Budesheim stated the reason was the year we had the revaluation and there was no increase in the municipal tax levy for that year. He stated that the biggest tax burden is the school and that budget is approved by the voters. That budget and the second question were approved by a 3 to 1 margin and only about 20 percent came out and voted this year. Mr. Conroy stated that he thinks the police department budget is high. He asked about the base salary figures as quoted in the Star-Ledger and said he would like to know what the overtime portion would be. He said he is not just questioning the salary but the number of people we have. He would still like to know about other costs and see if there are other areas where they can be reduced. Mayor Budesheim stated that we will work with him and will accept all the help we can get. There was additional discussion regarding the effect of the revaluation on the residential and commercial taxes.

There being no further comments, Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Astarita, to close the public session.

ALL IN FAVOR.

ADOPTION OF 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET:

Councilman Carelli set forth the motion, seconded by Councilman Guis, for the Adoption of the 2007 Municipal Budget.

ROLL CALL: **Ayes: Astarita, Bush, Carelli, Guis, Falkoski**
 Nays: None
 (5 ayes – 0 nays – motion carried)

COPY OF 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET IN FULL ON PAGE NO. 72-B

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Falkoski set forth the motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bush, to adjourn the meeting.

ALL IN FAVOR.

Adjourned: 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully Submitted:

William Budesheim, Mayor

Carol J. Talerico, R.M.C.
Municipal Clerk