

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Mazza opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

“Sunshine Law” Announcement: I would like to announce and have placed in the minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” by faxing to the Hunterdon Democrat and mailing electronically to the Courier News to be published and by posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and by filing a copy of the notice with the Township Clerk”.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL - Present: Rob Haynes, Matt Severino, William Bischoff, Patricia Dziubek, Frank Mazza. Grace Brennan, CFO and Ella Malecki Ruta, Township Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

a. Discussion of 2008 Municipal Budget

- Grace Brennan, CFO, provided the Committee with updated copy of the budget. The Committee charge this evening is going to be cutting additional \$30,000.00 from inside the cap appropriations in order to stay within 4% levy cap. Mrs. Brennan pointed to a few line items that she felt could be safely cut. Ultimately, she said it would be up to the Committee to make the final decision.
- Possible charges by the State of New Jersey for the State Police Services were discussed, as well as potential resolution for police coverage/services in Union Twp. Entering into shared services was considered. Grace Brennan stated that in fact the Municipality is getting an invoice from the State in 2009 for 2008-2009 State Police coverage. Special Committee was created to investigate possibilities of sharing police services with another neighboring municipality. Volunteered as members were Mrs. Brennan, Mr. Haynes and Mr. Severino.
- The Committee carefully examined the budget and was able to make necessary cuts in order to introduce the 2008 balanced budget at the next regular Township Committee Meeting.

At 7:54 PM, the meeting adjourned for a short break.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – none

At about 7:58 PM the following resolution was introduced for adoption:

**RESOLUTION #2008-77
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Union Township Committee has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public;

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING April 28, 2008

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Union will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Personnel Matters in regard to the Budget and Contract Negotiations- Municipal Court Services.

Mr. Severino made a motion to adopt the above resolution. Mr. Bischoff seconded the motion. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

Mr. Bischoff made a motion to return to the regular meeting. Mr. Severino seconded the motion. Vote – Ayes; Mr. Haynes, Mr. Severino, Mr. Bischoff, Mrs. Dziubek and Mr. Mazza. Motion carried.

Following the Executive Session, the 2008 salary increase for the Township employees was discussed. Recommendation of limiting a salary increase to 2% was mentioned, reduction of hours in some departments, in order to avoid laying off full time employees in others. After examining the budget line by line, the Committee agreed to keep 2008 salary increase at 4%.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Dziubek, seconded by Mr. Severino. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:46 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC
Municipal Clerk