

Cape May Court House, NJ
August 25, 2011
EMERGENCY MEETING
FLAG SALUTE
THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED:

This Emergency Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Adequate notice was not provided due to the nature of the urgency and importance of said emergency. The nature of the substantial harm to the public interest likely to result from a delay in the holding of said meeting and this meeting will be limited to discussion of and acting with respect to such matters of urgency and importance. Discussion was held in connection with the possibility of a hurricane within the Township of Middle. This meeting was held in the second floor conference room of 33 Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ, otherwise known as Township Hall at 3:30pm.

Members present were Mayor DeLanzo, Mayor DeLanzo, Committeemember Lockwood, and Deputy Township Clerk Dawn Stimmel. Also present were:

JILL ZARHARCHUCK; ANDREW SMITH, MTPW; JOHN MCCANN, CMCH FD #1; SEAN MCDEVITT, MT EMS; RICHARD SWEETEN, RG FIRE; DAVE ZEISS, GC FIRE; MICHAEL KOPAKOWSKI, MT PUBLIC SCHOOLS; PAUL HAND, CMCH FIRE; DAN LOCKWOOD, MT COMMITTEE; ROBERT MATTHEWS, MLK CENTER; ROBERT MYERS, GOSHEN FIRE #4; SUSAN DELANZO, MAYOR; PAUL FRITSCH, MT POLICE; CHRIS LEUSNER, MT POLICE CHIEF; CALVIN BACK, MT EMERGENCY MGMT; CHRIS MURPHY, MT POLICE; DEB RUE, MT AMBULANCE; FAITH LANCASTER, MT AMBULANCE; JOHN EDWARDS, MT POLICE; CHUCK MCDONNELL, MT REC; DAVE SALVO, MT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 408-11 – EMERGENCY MEETING – On motion by Committeemember Lockwood seconded by Committeemember Doughty and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, this emergency meeting has been called for the following purpose:

To discuss the possibility of a hurricane within the Township of Middle

WHEREAS, the normal requirements of the law regarding 48 hours' notice have not been met due to lack of time and subject matter, due to the urgency of said meeting.

WHEREAS, notice of said meeting will be given to the respected newspapers directly following this meeting.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee, of the Township of Middle, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, that there should be a vote on this Emergency Meeting of 3/4ths of the members of the Governing Body.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 409-11 – CONFIRMING AND FURTHERMORE ESTABLISHING VARIOUS AUTHORIZED SIGNORS FOR VARIOUS TOWNSHIP RELATED ITEMS – On motion by Committeemember Doughty seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, in light of the possibility of an upcoming hurricane, and furthermore due to the absence of various accental personnel within the Finance Office, the following employees are hereby confirmed and/or assigned the authority to sign the following articles:

Purchase Orders in the absence of the Chief Financial Officer:

Rita Kirk All Funds excluding Recreation

Mary Kate Garry All Funds

Susan Atkinson DeLanzo All Funds

F. Nathan Doughty Jr. All Funds

Daniel Lockwood All Funds

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle, the governing body thereof; that the following employees are hereby authorized to transfer of funds within various bank accounts in the absence of the Chief Financial Officer:

Mary Kate Garry

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following employees are hereby authorized to certify availability of funds in the absence of the Chief Financial Officer:

Mary Kate Garry

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall remain in effect until end of business day on September 7, 2011.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor DeLanzo announced that as of 8am Friday, all Cape May County residents are to evacuate. There will be a 1:00pm meeting at the Emergency Management Facility.

Calvin Back announced that they will not use Goshen Rec as a meeting place for bus pick up. Police are going to campgrounds and mobile home parks to inform them of the evacuation. Court House Fire, Green Creek Fire, Elem. #2 and MLK Center only for assembly. Buses will transport to Woodbine or they can drive themselves.

Jill Zarharchuck reminded everyone to save receipts so they may be turned over to FEMA.

Paul Fritsch indicated that the town could be out of commission for 2 weeks.

Calvin Back indicated they need a person in each location.

Chief Leusner expressed that they need people to leave the area.. there are not enough placed to keep people in shelters.

Mayor DeLanzo indicated she had a 5pm conference call with the Governor's Office.

Chief – encourage everyone to leave now.

Sean McDevitt – Eastern Shore evacuating patients.

Jeff Andrews – Hospital will be open during hurricane, all staff will be there by 1:00 on Saturday.

Mayor DeLanzo expressed that the evacuation will not be rescinded no matter what the path. It should say mandatory not voluntary for phone message. People can bring pets to shelter, pets must be in cages.

Chief stated that the Governor ordered everyone to leave Cape May County.

Emergency Operations Center will be on 2nd floor of police dept.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Dawn Stimmel, Deputy Clerk.