

Cape May Court House, NJ
March 30, 2010 9:00am
SPECIAL MEETING
FLAG SALUTE
THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED:

This Special Meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law. Notices of this meeting were emailed to the Cape May County Gazette, Atlantic City Press and the Cape May County Herald on March 23, 2010. In addition, copies of notices were posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and filed in the office of the Municipal Clerk on aforementioned date. Notices on the bulletin board have remained continuously posted. Members present were Mayor DeLanzo, Committeemember Doughty, Committeemember Lockwood, Business Administrator Mark Mallett, Solicitor James Pickering, and Township Clerk Kimberly Tomkinson.

1. QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD ON AGENDA *(This question and answer session shall relate only to items as outlined and pending on current agenda. Issues and concerns not related to agenda item shall be withheld to public comment portion at the conclusion of meeting.)*
2. RESOLUTION NO. 128-10 – TEMPORARY DEBT SERVICE BUDGET – AMENDMENT – On motion by Committeemember Lockwood seconded by Committeemember Doughty and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, the Township of Middle, County of Cape May, desires to establish a 2010 Temporary Debt Service Budget,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Middle as follows:
The 2010 Temporary Debt Service Budget of the Township of Middle is hereby increased as follows:

<i>CURRENT</i>	
<i>NJEIT Loans Princ</i>	<i>\$ 18,700</i>
<i>NJEIT Loans Interest</i>	<i>\$ 3,500</i>
<i>Green Acres</i>	
<i>Principal and Interest</i>	<i>\$ 50,000</i>
<i>Bond Principal</i>	<i>\$ 724,000</i>
<i>Bond Interest</i>	<i>\$ 136,000</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 932,200</i>
<i>UTILITY</i>	
<i>Bond Principal</i>	<i>\$ 250,000</i>
<i>Bond Interest</i>	<i>\$ 573,700</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 823,700</i>
3. RESOLUTION NO. 129-10 – EMERGENCY TEMPORARY BUDGET AMENDMENT – On motion by Committeemember Doughty seconded by Committeemember Lockwood and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted.
WHEREAS, an emergent condition has arisen and no adequate provision has been made in the 2010 temporary appropriations for the aforesaid purpose; and NJSA 40A:4-20 provides for the creation of an emergency appropriation for the purpose above mentioned, and
WHEREAS, the total emergency temporary resolutions adopted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 96 PL 1951 (NJSA 40A:4-20) including this resolution total \$7,633,745.00
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) that in accordance with NJSA 40A:4-20

1. *An emergency temporary appropriation be and the same is hereby made in the amount of \$7,239,745.00. That said emergency temporary appropriation shall be provided for in the 2010 budget under the title of:*
See Attached List

2. *That one certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Director of Local Government Services.*

GENERAL GOV.			
01-20-100-100-	General Administration	S&W	39,000.00
		OE	4,000.00
01-20-100-101-	Public Affairs	S&W	0.00
		OE	500.00
01-20-105-105-	Human Resources	S&W	12,000.00
		OE	0.00
01-20-110-110-	Mayor & Committee	S&W	14,000.00
		OE	0.00
01-20-120-120-	Municipal Clerk	S&W	26,000.00
		OE	5,000.00
01-20-120-121-	Codification	OE	2,500.00

01-20-120-122-	Records Management	OE	0.00
01-20-130-130-	Financial Admin	S&W	35,000.00
		OE	15,000.00
01-20-130-131-	Grants Admin	S&W	13,000.00
		OE	30,000.00
01-20-130-132-	Bond Registrar	OE	0.00
01-20-135-135-	Audit Services	OE	0.00
01-20-145-145-	Tax Collector	S&W	30,000.00
		OE	6,000.00
01-20-150-150-	Tax Assessor	S&W	40,000.00
		OE	6,000.00
01-20-155-155-	Liquidation of TTL's	OE	0.00
01-20-155-156-	Legal Services	S&W	1,000.00
		OE	200,000.00
01-20-165-165-	Engineering Services	S&W	0.00
		OE	70,000.00
01-21-180-180-	Smart Growth	OE	40,000.00
	Planning Board	OE	0.00
01-21-185-185-	Zoning Board	S&W	34,000.00
		OE	35,000.00
01-22-195-195-	Code Enforcement	S&W	11,000.00
		OE	0.00
01-22-195-196-	Construction	S&W	40,000.00
		OE	3,000.00
01-22-195-198-	Demolition of Substandard Bldgs	OE	0.00
01-22-195-200-	Electrical Inspector	S&W	8,000.00
01-23-210-210-	Surety Bond Premiums	OE	0.00
01-23-220-220-	Other Insurance Premiums	OE	40,000.00
01-23-215-215-	Worker's Compensation Insurance	OE	100,000.00
01-23-220-220-	Group Insurance Premiums	OE	600,000.00
01-23-220-221-	Dental Insurance	OE	22,000.00
01-23-220-222-	Prescription Insurance	OE	125,000.00
01-23-225-225	Unemployment Compensation	OE	25,000.00
01-23-310-310-	Public Bldgs & Grounds	S&W	27,000.00
		OE	25,000.00
01-25-240-240-	Police	S&W	1,500,000.00
		OE	0.00
01-25-250-250-	Communications	S&W	140,000.00
		OE	0.00
01-25-252-252-	Emergency Management	S&W	3,000.00
01-25-262-262-	Rescue Squad	S&W	97,000.00
		OE	9,000.00
01-25-262-263-	Contributions to 1st Aid Squads	OE	40,000.00
01-25-264-264-	Volunteers In Medicine Donation	OE	0.00
01-25-265-265-	Fire Protection	S&W	5,000.00
01-25-275-275-	Prosecutor	S&W	9,000.00
01-26-290-290-	Gypsy Moth Control	OE	0.00
01-26-290-291-	Public Works Department	S&W	300,000.00
		OE	50,000.00
01-26-300-301-	Shade Tree	OE	0.00
01-26-305-306-	Garbage & Trash Removal	OE	110,000.00
01-26-305-307-	Sanitation	OE	0.00
01-26-305-308-	Recycling Contractual	OE	95,000.00
01-26-315-315-	Motor Pool	OE	0.00
01-27-330-330-	Board of Health	S&W	0.00
		OE	500.00
01-27-340-340-	Animal Control	S&W	15,000.00
		OE	3,000.00
01-27-340-340-	Animal Shelter	OE	8,000.00
01-27-360-360-	PATF Contribution	OE	500.00
01-28-370-370-	Recreation	S&W	50,000.00
		OE	15,000.00
01-28-370-371-	Senior Center	S&W	10,000.00
		OE	7,000.00
01-28-380-380-	Beach Restoration	OE	0.00
01-30-415-415-	Terminal Leave	OE	175,000.00
01-31-430-430-	Electric	OE	60,000.00
01-31-435-435-	Street Lighting	OE	0.00
01-31-436-436-	Postage	OE	0.00

01-31-440-440-	Telephone	OE	40,000.00
01-31-446-446-	Natural Gas	OE	20,000.00
01-31-447-447-	Fuel Oil	OE	0.00
01-31-460-460-	Gasoline	OE	40,000.00
01-31-462-462-	Manit & Service Policies	OE	100,000.00
01-32-465-465-	Sanitary Landfill	OE	100,000.00
01-35-470-470-	Contingent	OE	0.00
01-36-471-471-	PERS (In Caps)	OE	342,580.00
01-36-471-471-	Social Security	OE	100,000.00
01-36-471-471-	PFRS (In Caps)	OE	903,895.00
01-36-475-475-	PERS Employer Liability	OE	0.00
01-36-475-475-	PFRS Employer Liability	OE	0.00
01-41-704-704-	Safe & Secure Grant	OE	0.00
01-42-101-101-	Interlocal CMC Tech School	OE	0.00
01-43-490-490-	Municipal Court	S&W	35,000.00
		OE	6,000.00
01-43-495-495-	Public Defender	S&W	5,000.00
01-44-901-901-	Capital Improvement Fund	OE	987,000.00
01-44-904-904-	Construction of Bus Shelters	OE	0.00
01-44-905-905-	Telephones & Public Works	OE	0.00
01-41-730-730-	Police Body Armor	OE	0.00
01-41-707-707-	Cops In Shops	OE	0.00
01-41-708-708-	Aggressive Driving	OE	0.00
01-41-899-899-	Matching Grant Fund for MAC	OE	3,500.00
01-41-709-709-	Reconstruction of Boyd Street	OE	0.00
01-42-101-101-411	Fire District Interlocal	OE	24,270.00
	Total		7,093,245.00

TEMP.UTILITY

07-55-501-501-	Operating Budget	S&W	80,000.00
		OE	20,000.00
07-55-502-504-	User Charges	OE	0.00
07-55-512-512-	Capital Outlay	OE	0.00
07-55-502-503-	Group Insurance Premiums	OE	10,000.00
07-55-502-503-	Other Insurance Premiums	OE	20,000.00
07-55-502-503-	Dental Insurance	OE	5,000.00
07-55-502-503-	Prescription Insurance	OE	4,500.00
07-55-541-541-	Social Security	OE	7,000.00
	Total		146,500.00

4. RESOLUTION – TERMINATING PARTICIPATION UNDER THE NEW JERSEY STATE HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (WHICH INCLUDES PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM AND/OR DENTAL PLAN COVERAGE) – On motion by seconded by and passed on roll call, the following resolution was adopted. **** TABLED UNTIL 4/5/2010**
WHEREAS, The Township of Middle currently provides health benefits to its employees through the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program; and
WHEREAS, The Township of Middle incurred a cost increase of 20% in the year 2010; and
WHEREAS, it is indicated that there will be significant cost increases in 2011 and beyond; and
WHEREAS, The Township of Middle has determined that it will provide the same or better health benefits to its employees through a different provider at a significant savings,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,
 1. The Township of Middle, County of Cape May, State of New Jersey hereby resolves to terminate its participation in the program (including Prescription Drug and/or Dental Plan) thereby canceling coverage provided by the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program (N.J.S.A. 52:14-17.25 et seq.) for all its active and retired employees.
 2. We shall notify all active employees of the date of their termination of coverage under the program.
 3. We understand that the Division of Pensions and Benefits will notify retired employees of the cancellation of their coverage.
 4. We understand that all COBRA participants will be notified by the Division of Pensions and Benefits and advised to contact our office concerning a possible alternative health, prescription drug, and dental insurance program.
 5. We understand that this resolution shall take affect the first of the month following a 60-day period beginning with the receipt of the resolution by the State Health Benefits Commission.
5. 2010 BUDGET DISCUSSION
Township Administrator Mark Mallett went over areas of the budget where he felt the township could save money.

Bonnie Seramellow – Thinks the township should focus more on big ticket items in reducing budget cost.

Bob Noel – said in relation to shopping carts the township should just drop them back off to the owner then bill for the drop off.

Mike Voll – thinks business registration is very important and would be very great for intelligence in policing. They would be able to keep information in their computers. There are too many shady vendors with hammers and the citizens have no recourse. We should look at Lower Township.

Committeemember Lockwood explained experience with other towns with merchant licensing and all the fees he had to pay associated with it.

Chief Leusner gave explanations of businesses where a license would have been useful.

Joe Ravitz stated that in regards to shopping carts, if the town had mercantile licensing then we would have a hammer to have businesses come and pick up their carts.

Mayor DeLanzo thinks that these ideas have merit but have to be aware of fees incurred by other entities such as fire district, and other factors that already hit them.

David May indicated that this suggestion isn't for the township to make money but to keep better control.

B. Noel – stated that he is confused as to what he is hearing. Majority of businesses do not cause discrepancies in the township. Other departments already have business information.. no need to duplicate. Let's look at the whole picture. You do know where the businesses are. To create a whole new system not to raise revenue is pointless.

Committeemember Doughty indicated that Ocean City says even if you are a contractor that is licensed through the state you still have to get a mercantile license.

M. Voll – thinks Middle needs to check with other towns to see how they do it. This would be a nice chunk of change in the budget.

Lee Ann Russ thinks \$1,500.00 is too low of a rent fee for usage of the monopole.

Elaine Fausey – FCC is not concerned with the health factors of the monopole.

Committeemember Lockwood stepped out of the meeting at 11:15am

E. Fausey – indicated that another source of revenue is dog licenses.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Fran Fiore – asked of the 1.5% that township employees now have to pay towards health insurance goes towards 2010 revenue? PBA hasn't settled contract yet. Is there a difference in the options?

Jim Pickering - indicated that he will look into the bill that was passed.

Robert Matthews – asked for clarification on price to charge non-profit for use of MLK center

Chuck McDonnell – as a group we need to sit down and go over fees.

Sharon Coco- asked to see a copy of contract that township anticipates when terminating state health benefits.

Peggy Mathis – how much of cost savings to township once opt out of state health benefits. What would it be in a couple of years?

E. Fausey – applauds committee on going after little savings. Indicated that taxpayers association has been saying that for years. Asked if township will start usage of "P" card. Stated that bulk pickup should be looked at.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:45pm.

Kimberly Tomkinson, Twp. Clerk