

MAY 12, 2009

BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the above date in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Betteridge, Council members: Kappatos, Kisielewski, Beatrice, McCarthy, Moore, Scaramuzzo. Present: Borough Treasurer, Christie Melfi.

STATEMENT: Mayor Betteridge asked that they dispense with the formalities at the beginning of the meeting.

Council President McCarthy explained the budget issues for 2009 to everyone present. Mark informed everyone that negotiations were on-going with Captain Smith as to his retirement package. Councilman McCarthy stated that even though he thought the money should be spent on other things, he wanted to purchase wreaths for the Pike so that the residents would see them.

Councilman Kappatos had several questions regarding our debt service. Nick also wanted to know why the borough did not regularly incur new debt to fund improvements in town. Councilman Kappatos also noted that health benefits had increased by \$70,000.00. Nick thought that employees should be contributing more.

Councilman Beatrice stated that he thought the borough should have an on-going road improvement program.

Councilman Moore wanted to know why money for the new fencing at the sewer/roads building was not being taken out of the sewer budget.

A discussion ensued as to whether to give non-contractual employees a raise. All agreed to a 2% increase for 2009. Everyone present also agreed to a \$1.00 raise per hour for EMT's effective 7/1/09.

Mayor & Council also discussed proposed plans for the old borough garage. Councilman Kisielewski reported that one of the Road Department employees had suffered another heart attack and that he was looking into contracting out recycling.

There being no further discussion on the budget , a motion was made by Kappatos and seconded by Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Approved by:

Virginia Betteridge, Mayor

Attest:

Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk

