

**MARCH 24, 2009**

The Caucus 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 7:00 P.M. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Betteridge, Council members: Scaramuzzo, Kappatos, McCarthy, Beatrice; Absent: Kisielewski, Moore; Present: Jak Kennedy, Esquire, Borough Engineer, Mark Basehore; Absent: Christie Melfi, CFO.

STATEMENT: Mayor Betteridge read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

Nancy Ward, Superintendent and Kelly Brazelton, Business Administrator from the Runnemede Public Schools addressed Mayor and Council regarding the 2009-2010 school budget. Ms. Ward presented an overview of the state funding formula and the reasons why they are asking for a \$.04 tax increase. Councilman McCarthy asked some questions about the budget.

Ralph Ross, Superintendent and Chris Oberg, Business Administrator from the Black Horse Pike Regional also addressed Mayor and Council regarding their 2009-2010 school budget. Mr. Ross informed everyone that there would be a \$.03 tax decrease in next year's proposed budget. Councilman Beatrice asked several question regarding special education students.

Runnemede's Municipal Court Judge, Nick Trabosh, addressed Mayor & Council as to why he thought that he should be reappointed. Judge Trabosh spoke about his background and the relationship between the court and the community. Several council members had comments.

The following issues were brought to the table for inclusion in the April 7, 2009 agenda:

Approval of Minutes;  
Reports;  
Communications;  
Council Committee Reports;  
Resolution #09-51 through #09-57;  
Payment of Bills;

**RESOLUTION #09-57**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE TO CONDUCT A CLOSED SESSION  
TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede desires to discuss matters relating to personnel and wish to do so in Closed Session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede that the governing body shall discuss matters pertaining to personnel in the Borough of Runnemede at a Closed Session to be held on March 24, 2009 in the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ; and

The minutes of the Closed Session Meeting shall be kept, as required by the Open Public Meetings Act. The matters discussed at such meeting shall be disclosed to the public when the reason for discussing this matter privately no longer exists.

It is further determined that said Closed Session and matters to be discussed therein are matters as permitted under the Open Public Meetings Act.

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A motion was made by McCarthy, seconded by Beatrice that the resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Kappatos and seconded by Scaramuzzo to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Betteridge declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

**Approved by:**

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**Virginia Betteridge, Mayor**

**Attest:**

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**Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk**