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Bonnie S. Yearsley, CMC
Township Clerk

Weymouth Township
Dorothy, New Jersey
March 11, 2015

This Special Meeting Workshop Meeting of the Weymouth Township Committee was called to order by Committee Chairman Kenneth Haeser. He explained to all present that the Township Auditor was not available at this advertised meeting due to circumstances beyond his control. He will be available at 3:30 this afternoon.

Roll Call: Keiffenheim-Present, Doyle-Present, Haeser-Present. Also present were Judson Moore, Chief Financial Officer and Bonnie S. Yearsley, Township Clerk

Because the purpose of this Special Workshop Meeting is to review the 2015 Municipal Budget and the advise and guidance of the Township Auditor is important to the discussion; Motion by Keiffenheim, seconded by Doyle that this meeting be suspended until 3:30 this afternoon, at which time it will re-convened.

Roll Call: Keiffenheim-Yes, Doyle-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

3:50 PM

Motion by Doyle, seconded by Haeser that the meeting be brought back into session.

Roll Call: Keiffenheim-Absent, Doyle-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Roll Call: Keiffenheim-Absent, Doyle-Present, Haeser-Present. Also present were Judson Moore, Chief Financial Officer, Michael Welding, Township Auditor and Bonnie S. Yearsley, Township Clerk

Judson Moore gave a brief explanation regarding the goal of this budget process. He said the sense of the Township Committee was to produce a budget that kept the tax rate flat. He went on to say that years' tax billing would include the re-valued property assessments, which would cause the total assessed value of the municipality to go up, making the tax rate go down. We also do not know where the School Board Budget will end up. Because of these factors, it is not possible to compare last years' budget figures with this years'.

The comparison must be made looking at the totals for the Local Purpose Tax with consideration for the protection of the Surplus Totals into the future and consideration of increases such as Health Benefits Costs, etc. and the Tax Levy Cap.

The draft prepared, after speaking with Committee members Ken Haeser and Dennis Doyle individually keeps the tax rate flat but falls below the tax levy cap.

Questions regarding the hiring of a Deputy Clerk and the added cost of that Salary and Benefits package were discussed. The CFO opined that if the Deputy Clerk was hired later in the year, say September or October the current budget draft could be made to cover the additional cost.

Auditor Welding suggested that the budget draft should be amended to bring the Tax Levy to the cap which would add an additional \$14,500 to the budget total. This would supply some additional money for the proposed hiring of a Deputy Clerk as well as insure that the Cap for the 2016 Budget would remain whole and still keep the tax rate flat.

The Township Committee Members agreed that this would be an acceptable plan. It was determined that the Budget should be introduced on March 18th and the Second Reading and Public Hearing would be scheduled for April 15th.

There being no further business to come before the Committee for this workshop, Motion by Doyle, seconded by Haeser that the meeting stand adjourned.

Roll Call: Keiffenheim-Absent, Doyle-Yes, Haeser-Yes.

Approved: March 18, 2015