

**THERE WAS NO EXECUTIVE SESSION ON APRIL 5, 2011**

**ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011, AT 7:30 P.M., THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL MEETING AT JACKSON LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION AND INTRODUCTION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

**COUNCILMAN KAFTON  
COUNCILWOMAN RIVERE  
COUNCILWOMAN UPDEGRAVE  
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRESSI  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN**

**ATTORNEY FORAN  
DEPUTY CLERK KISTY**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

**MAYOR REINA  
ADMINISTRATOR TORRES  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PINKAVA**

As Clerk of this meeting, I publicly announce that in compliance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" adequate notice of this meeting of the Jackson Township Council has been advertised in the manner prescribed by law.

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***MAYOR MICHAEL REINA – PRESENTATION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET TO THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL***

**MAYOR REINA** welcomed everyone. Rising costs associated in running the municipality plus the 2% cap limit make this a challenging budget. The Township must work together. He asked the residents to educate themselves; this is an opportunity for Jackson to work together. Council has worked on this, and the referendum needs to go on the ballot is necessary to save jobs and for the public safety issue. No one wants to see anyone lose their job. Patience, understanding and education is what needs to go out. He appreciates that people took the time to come out. The numbers are factual. We need your support.

**ADMINISTRATOR TORRES** said we are in very tough economic times. We have to adhere to changes in the law, and the only vehicle to exceed the 2% cap is through a public referendum. He called for those present to reach out to other voters and explain the urgent need to pass the referendum. He made a Power Point presentation, outlining such issues as the environment, meaning the economic issues including jobs, real estate sales, the recession, snow emergencies, and mandates by the State. Historically, legislators opted not to fund public pensions and this must be funded now. This is a contractual obligation, and we have paid our full amount instead of partial payments, which are subject to interest payments on top of that. Health benefits are being discussed, but the costs are rising. Workman's compensation is similarly a high cost. Even though the budget is lower (by \$800,000) than last year, there are costs that are beyond the control of the Town and they are runaway factors. They achieved the reduction in the budget by looking at professionals' fees, they made the Recreation Department programs self-liquidating, there was consolidation of municipal services, interlocal shared service agreements, and minimizing capital outlay. There is an obligation to look at revenue and expenditures to come to a balanced budget. There is also an obligation to predict future expenditures. Appropriations are being held with marginal increases and some reductions as well. Reserve for uncollected taxes is provided for. \$10.7 million in revenue versus \$39.1 million in expenses yields \$28.4 million to be raised by taxes. The average assessment is \$330,000. The increase over the prior year is \$124. The tax bill is made up of Municipal, Open Space, County, Fire District and School taxes. 57% of your tax bill supports the schools, 21% supports the Township, 17% supports the County, 4% is for the Fire Districts and 1% is for Open

Space. The average home is \$332,000 in Jackson, and the average increase would be a little over \$3.00 per month. If a house is assessed less than \$332,000, the increase would be less and if assessed higher, the increase would be more. The 2% cap allows a \$500,000 increase. That is why they are asking the public to allow the increase beyond the cap to continue public services. This budget would allow the Township to return to a five-day work week. Administrator Torres then explained the procedure for introducing, approving and ultimately adopting the budget. If the referendum passes, the average taxpayer would pay \$44.00 per year for the home assessed at \$332,000.

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#### ***COMMENTS FROM THE CITIZENS BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

**PAUL MAYEROWITZ, 91 Cypress Pointe Lane** said the Committee met with Mr. Torres and Ms. Pinkava on March 28 and March 30 to review the proposed budget, as well as various members of the municipal departments. The members of the CBAC include Mr. Mayerowitz, Rob Nixon, Gary Moll, Barry Calogero, Bill Spedding, and Gene Davis. He explained how the committee meets and their agenda. One of the things they noted is that all employees except public safety officers were subject to furlough, reducing their salaries by 20%. They felt the 5-day work week should be restored instead of asking for more furloughs. This might result in layoffs if a lower budget is proposed. Restoring the 5 day workweek and no further cuts in services results in a \$6 per month increase in municipal taxes for the average Jackson taxpayer. If the referendum fails, there is a potential for reductions in public safety, health, and quality of life in Jackson. They examined revenue and spending in the budget. 28 items were identified to track if any savings is realized. There is no long-term business plan for the Township, which the committee recommends. The proposed budget increases taxes by \$125 per year for the average assessed home in Jackson. This would allow a 5-day workweek, maintain public safety staff, and no additional cutbacks to existing staff. The committee recommends that the Council approve the submitted budget. The committee appreciates the ability to have input on this budget.

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#### ***COMMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS:***

**COUNCILMAN KAFTON** thanked the public employees that were present. He is not happy about the budget as it is presented in a last minute fashion. This is a difficult situation. The economy is the worst he has ever seen. The real estate market has collapsed. When services are cut, residents lose. Cutting 23 police officers out of Jackson Township would be a disgrace. He supports the referendum and will actively ask people to vote for it. With a population of 56,000, we must maintain the level of services that residents deserve. He questions why 23 police officers have to be fired. He questioned the involvement of the Mayor's lawsuit against the police department and looking with fairness at the Police budget. Attorney Foran said a Notice of Tort Claim is simply a notice of a possible future claim; it is not a lawsuit. He votes yes to put the referendum on the ballot and urges residents to support it and protect our property values.

**COUNCILWOMAN RIVERE** is not in favor of laying off any number of police officers. She asked how many employees face layoffs should the referendum be defeated and was told 49. She has heard about diminished services to the town even though taxes are going up, and there is no way you can do five days of work in four days. She is in favor of eliminating furloughs and holding on to all employees, and in favor of the referendum to help pay for it this year.

**COUNCILWOMAN UPDEGRAVE** said an average increase of \$44 per home per year makes this referendum very important to the end of furloughs and the livelihood of 49 workers, which should be protected.

**COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRESSI** concurred, adding the savings from furloughs is just not there. He is in favor of ending the furloughs and not in favor of layoffs. Some of the fixed costs are going up, and spending is going down. The public will have a chance to vote for the referendum to preserve jobs and maintain services. He supports the referendum and hopes that it passes.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN** agreed. This is an historic time in Jackson. Everyone wants the same thing; end furloughs, save police officers and protect the citizens of Jackson Township. He is for the referendum and will help get the word out to pass the referendum and budget.

***INDEX RATE ORDINANCE - FIRST READING (RELATING TO THE 2011 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET***

**ORDINANCE #17-11**

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "CALENDAR YEAR 2011 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)**

**MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 17-11 ON FIRST READING, ADVERTISE THE APPROVAL AND NOTICE OF SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 10, 2011 BY: UPDEGRAVE  
MOTION SECONDED BY: BRESSI  
YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

**ORDINANCE 17-11**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council of the Township of Jackson in the County of Ocean finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2011 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Township Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$479,769.41 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS** the Township Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Jackson, in the County of Ocean, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2011 budget year, the final appropriations of the Township of Jackson shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 1.5%, amounting to \$479,769.41 and that the CY 2011 municipal budget for the Township of Jackson be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAYOR MICHAEL REINA

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on first reading at a regular meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Jackson, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, held on **April 5, 2011** and will be considered for second reading and final passage at a meeting of said Governing Body to be held on **the 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2011** at 7:30 P.M. or as soon thereafter as this matter can be reached, at the meeting room of the Municipal Building in said Township, at which time all persons interested shall be given an opportunity to be heard concerning this Ordinance.

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**ANN MARIE EDEN, RMC**  
Jackson Township Clerk

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***PUBLIC HEARING OPENED, RESOLUTIONS ONLY***

**JOHN WALTER, 76 CROOKED STICK LANE** asked how much is over the 2% cap and was told \$900,000. He questioned the \$1100.00 tax amount on a \$300,000 home and was told that represents the municipal portion of the tax bill. He also heard the \$44 average increase, yet the CBAC stated \$6 per month, which is actually \$72 per year, and was told the \$44 is just for the municipal portion of the taxes. For Fire District 3, the budget was held. He has a problem with the Council and Mayor not holding the contracts. A firm line has to be held on managing the contracts with their employees. The Mayor said they are in negotiations now.

**CHIEF OF POLICE MATTHEW KUNZ** was pleased the referendum question appears to be moving forward. They support all services and jobs in the Township. Regarding his staff, they provide service to 56,000 residents in 100 square miles. Staffing has already been reduced from 90 to 79. Clerical and Telecommunicator staff has been reduced as well in the same time period. They are not over staffed. The ratio is 1.4 police officers to every 1,000 residents. For the County, it is 2 police officers for every 1,000 residents. The State of NJ ratio is 2.5 police officers for every 1,000 residents. If this referendum does not pass, the Jackson Township Police Department stands to be reduced to 56 police officers, or 1 officer per 1,000 residents. The budget for salaries is less than last years, as well as the operating budget costs. Some police services have been cut in light of the reductions in budget. If layoffs are realized, existing personnel would have to resume patrols. Only serious crimes would be able to be investigated and minor crimes might not get the attention they historically have. First Aid and other safety calls would be diminished. The police service would be reactive versus proactive. A 30% layoff would devastate all levels of Township service. He asked the residents to come together and support the referendum.

**NICHOLAS ANTONOFF** asked if there is still a surplus. Chief Financial Officer Pinkava responded there is \$370,000 left after this budget. Mr. Antonoff asked about the additional school tax. He pointed out that between last year and this years, there is an 8 ½ cent increase in School Taxes. The average tax increase will be \$295. Council President Martin said this meeting is for the Township Budget. Mr. Antonoff said the Town approved the School budget and used school budget figures in its presentation. He then stated the Town spent \$500,000 on basketball courts and \$300,000 for toilets.

Council President Martin said despite that, the Township has reduced spending. Mr. Antonoff alleged a 10% tax increase. Ms. Pinkava stated it is 2.7%, but there are costs that are excluded from the 2% cap. He said they should think about it because they are going to lose the referendum.

**DETECTIVE CAMPBELL BROWN, PBA 168 PRESIDENT** recognized Lakewood Police Officers present tonight in support of Chris Matlosz, who was killed in the line of duty less than 10 miles from here. The PBA and its families support the referendum which will amount to less than \$4 per month. Many towns are subject to cuts, including Jackson, which incurred furloughs. They faced 16 police layoffs last year and through givebacks and negotiations, they averted those layoffs. This year, 23 officers might be laid off. That would leave one officer per 1,000 residents. While the PBA supports the referendum, they recognize that there is still work to be done to maintain the services to the township residents. The members are of the PBA are committed to serving the residents of this town. He asked for clarification, if the referendum passes, will that eliminate all the Township layoffs across the board, and Council President Martin said yes. Council Vice President Bressi added that furloughs would be eliminated too.

**ALLAN STERN, 3 ARIZONA AVENUE** supports the Council in regard to the referendum and asked for the information on its importance be given to the public. He thought perhaps the Open Space tax could be reduced or eliminated to help with the budget and perhaps hire additional police officers. He is in favor of open space and trees, and budgeting money for it is important in some urban areas, but Jackson has large amounts of open space already. He suggested the money be used for public safety instead. Council President Martin said the Open Space Tax money cannot be used by law for any other purpose.

**JOHN SIEDLER, PRESIDENT OF SOA** said we have already lost significant services in reductions of 14 police officers since 2008 and the SOA has been reduced by 40%. Reductions were made in Public Works as well. This is no one's fault, it is time to come together, move forward and make this town a better place to live.

**PATTY PENNINGTON, 3 LONDON DRIVE** was concerned the room wasn't more filled than it is, with 56,000 residents in town. She didn't understand how 56 police officers could be responsible for safety and well being if they must work 7 days a week, 24 hours per day. Things will happen and there might not be a desirable response time. We are sending a message to our children that these police officers are disposable. Property values will plummet if crime is rising and there are no officers to respond. She asked that people do the right thing and support the referendum.

**SCOTT WEINSTEIN, 340 MEADOWOOD ROAD** said police officers put their lives on the line. He supports whatever it takes to keep the police officers in our town. Police officers never know if they are coming home each day and they deserve our support.

**PETER GRZELAK, 8 ABES WAY** agreed with supporting the police officers and township workers. He objects to the Township coming to the residents to take the money out of their pockets to pay for it. He objected to the statement that it is only \$40 or \$100 dollars, and then in mid-year, money is spent on toilets, which are yet to be used. He asked Council Vice President Bressi if he looked into the unspent money on bonds. Council Vice President Bressi did ask for those figures and said he expected to have the numbers by the budget workshops. Mr. Grzelak resented the town asking for more money in taxes to help balance their budget; individuals have no one to ask to balance their own budgets at home. He wanted to see more cut backs and plans for the next few years, so this is not repeated.

**DANNY BEAR, RETIRED POLICE OFFICER** asked what happened to the Industrial Park, and asked if anyone thought about making it work for this town. We need industry to lower the taxpayer burden. Council Vice President Bressi said the problem is no water and sewer. The DEP elected to erase water and sewer expansion into that area and the Town is working on that to have the affected areas reinstated into the water and sewer master plan. Mr. Bear said the public needs to be made aware of that. He also said he

has seen the effect of reduced police officers; it has a huge impact on a community. He offered to help in any way he can.

**JOHN TORESI, 7 DEER LANE** said that reducing the police force is nuts. There is a lot of staff in the administrative offices. He asked why everything isn't cut 5%.

**GARRY BLACK, 76 LEWIS LANE** said the referendum must be passed. There is no room for cheap politics for personal gain. No one wants to see layoffs. He wants to support the police and public workers. He supports the budget. Council President Martin agreed that everyone has to work together to get the word out and encourage people to vote for the referendum. Mr. Black said our lives and safety is at stake here.

**ANDREW GARYLICK, 12 KIMBERLY STREET** said laying off even one officer compromises public safety. School resource officers were taken out of the schools. Haven't we learned from Columbine? We actually need more officers. There was a homicide and there is drug and gang activity. 54 officers will not adequately cover this town. Someone will get hurt. He asked if the referendum doesn't pass, will officers be asked to take a pay cut or be laid off? Mayor Reina couldn't answer that now because of contract negotiations and he wouldn't compromise that. Mr. Garylick asked if anyone on Council wouldn't support the referendum and Council President Martin said they already stated their support. Mayor Reina said he is working so that no one loses their job.

**SCOTT SARGENT, 19 KNOLLS DRIVE** said Brick Township is also going out for a referendum question. He represents union workers and said furloughs have crippled us. We are facing layoffs in addition to losing 14 employees through attrition. The job is not getting done. There is an impact not only to the residents but to those facing layoffs. The question is how to increase revenue to the town. There isn't too much time to get the question passed.

**KATHY GIANCOLA, 573 HENRY STREET** agreed with Mr. Sargent that not enough is being done to generate revenue. She asked why the fear factor is used when a budget comes up. She said no layoffs, that is our security. We can raise money in this town. She is so embarrassed by this. Councilman Kafton said there is an Economic Development Council in town, but the problem is everyone wants to form a committee but no one wants to spend money. We need a consultant to work for us. Maybe one day, they will realize you have to spend money to make money. Council Vice President Bressi said both the Planning Board and Zoning Board have approved commercial development, but the economy has stifled the companies from going forward with development. The new master plan balances the commercial more adequately with the residential. Mayor Reina has reached out to developers that have been stalled by the economy. There is no money in this economy. They have spoken with many people about convention centers, hotels, and sports centers. We need the water and sewer service to support the commercial base. Building is something the town is actively seeking. The town is looking to work actively with the residents and the businesses. The Planning and Zoning Boards, along with Council, are working their hardest.

**CAMPBELL BROWN** wanted the Council to know the PBA is fully committed to get the referendum passed. He asked if the layoff plan has been submitted to the State and was told yes. He asked the projected layoff date and Administrator Torres said if approved and the referendum fails, ultimately it would be July 1.

**JIM RUTHERFORD, JACKSON MILLS ROAD** was concerned about losing critical police services. There are other residents who do not share this concern. They need to be educated in this. This meeting was advertised and perhaps 300 people showed up, and it is critical to get the word out to everyone else.

**JUDY SHERRI, 7 MARYBETH LANE** resident and Vice President of AFSCME. She said they were told the list wasn't submitted [for layoffs], and then it was. The Senior Center and Recreation took furloughs in 2010 so as not to discontinue programs. She asked if there are still vehicle allowances. Administrator Torres said yes. She meant superiors in departments. Administrator Torres stated he gets a vehicle allowance; Ms. Sherri said it would be quite generous if he could give back that allowance and use his

own vehicle. She said the employees are already giving back, and she asked what they are giving back. She is being asked for more in taxes, and she asked what everyone else is giving back. Administrator Torres said he uses his own vehicle, and he is subject to furloughs. Ms. Sherri asked why employees are being paid to stay home. Some people are not taking the furlough and aren't using sick or vacation time. Ms. Sherri said there is no fat in the budget. Everyone needs to trim it up.

**MS. GELSLEICHTER** called the police about a break – in, and one police officer came and had to wait for back up. It is sad to put residents' lives on the line because there aren't enough police officers. To have seven officers on duty is sad, and she said the Township officials should be ashamed.

**MICHAEL KELLY, 391 MEADOWOOD ROAD** said an economic developer is needed in town. He served on the Zoning Board and stated he has always been a proponent of Jackson Township. He gives honest answers. The Mitch Leigh project will take years to build out. He called for everyone to work together to get the job done.

**RAY URICKS, 302 SAGE COURT** wanted to know if the Town is prepared to pay for overtime if the layoffs occur. He worked as a dispatcher in 2005 with 90 officers and there were sometimes delays in response time.

**PAUL MAYEROWITZ, 91 CYPRESS POINTE LANE** asked the cost of salary and benefits for 15 new officers. He is hearing tonight everyone talk about the need to increase the number of police officers. The talk is for maintaining the current force. The low side is if the referendum fails. He is sure no one on Council or the Mayor wants anyone to be laid off. It is happening, however. Two thirds of the budget is personnel and that is where the cuts would have to be made. The referendum must be passed. He asked what the administration is giving back. He heard Council President Martin say he is on furlough, but no one else. He read from documents received from the Township Clerk's office that Councilman Kafton, Councilwoman Rivere and Council Vice President Bressi did not authorize the 20% reduction in their pay for furlough for 2011, but Councilwoman Updegrave and Council President Martin did authorize it for themselves. This is a disgrace. Township employees have had to endure the furloughs and the reduction in pay with no other option. Councilman Kafton said he does not support the furlough for himself or for the employees, because it is time for it to end. He said they didn't ask for the professionals to take a cut, except for Remington Vernick.

**PHIL SPEDDING, 26 OAKMONT LANE** said this is a high risk decision. Furloughs proved to be very ineffective as they created hidden costs. To settle the budget, some things still have to be addressed. Two thirds of the employees cover their spouses for health coverage. Health coverage should have contributions from its employees. Multiple coverages should be coordinated; currently it is inefficient and spousal coverage should be more closely watched and billed accordingly.

**PAUL MAYEROWITZ, 91 CYPRESS POINTE LANE** applauded Councilwoman Updegrave and Council President Martin for taking the furloughs.

**PHIL STILTON** thanked the person who 'leaked' the layoffs; if they didn't, then tonight wouldn't have happened. He thanked that person for letting everyone know, because the Administration did not.

**DAN PEKARCHIK, 17 ALASKA AVENUE** questioned the numbers used here tonight. Home prices went down, and he asked why they used the same numbers as last year. They are basing the rate on the right numbers. He wanted honest numbers and CFO Pinkava said the average home price is just that, an average. Administrator Torres said that number is correct; it is assessed value. Mr. Pekarchik said the unemployment compensation fund is being reduced by 33% and the only way that happens is if you lay off or fire people. CFO Pinkava said this is an appropriation to fund a trust fund for unemployment. Based on the funds that are in there now, that is one of the areas they cut \$50,000 from and they put \$100,000 in there last year. That should be enough to get them through. Mr. Pekarchik said everyone is being held accountable. He questioned

why the budget was given late. Also, why didn't they ask the residents for \$3.42 last year, if that is what it would have taken to avoid furloughs and have the leaves picked up.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING, RESOLUTIONS ONLY BY:**

**KAFTON**

**MOTION SECONDED BY: UPDEGRAVE**

**YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

**RESOLUTION 129R-11**

**TITLE: RESOLUTION BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL LEVY CAP REFERENDUM ON APRIL 27, 2011**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: KAFTON**

**MOTION SECONDED BY: BRESSI**

**YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides that in preparation of its budget, a municipality shall, subject to certain statutory exceptions, limit any increase in its allowable municipal tax levy to two percent (2%) over the previous year's tax levy; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46, permits a municipality to increase its allowable tax levy by a percentage rate greater than otherwise authorized where said increase is approved by referendum; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Township of Jackson, in the County of Ocean has called for a special referendum election pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.46 and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3a, because it finds it advisable and necessary to increase its 2011 allowable tax levy; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the Township of Jackson hereby determines that a 3.1% increase in the allowable tax levy, which is \$899,000 over the permitted 2% amount in excess of the increase in allowable tax levy, will only become effective upon authorization by the voters by referendum; and,

**WHEREAS**, set forth below are those that have given rise to the need to seek an increase in the allowable tax levy and final appropriations from what would otherwise be provided under the limitations of state law:

Loss of Revenue Line Items	Amount of Loss
Surplus	\$1,400,000
Sale of Property	\$959,000
Other Special Items of Revenue	\$754,166

The Township has implemented a 24-day furlough for non-public safety employees, and implemented other cost reductions totaling \$855,738.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the question to be placed on the ballot shall be as follows:

Public Question

“Shall the Council of the Township of Jackson be authorized to increase its adjusted tax levy by \$899,000 more than the allowable adjusted tax levy, which is 3.1% more than the allowable adjusted tax levy as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.44 et seq. and shall it be authorized to increase to adopt the 2011 Municipal Purposes Budget in excess of the increase limitation by 3.1% or \$899,000 as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.3(i).”

Explanatory Statement

The following changes in revenues warranted the governing body's decision to ask the public question.

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Other Special Items of Revenue	\$754,166

The Township has implemented a 24-day furlough for non-public safety employees, and implemented other cost reductions totaling \$855,738.

A "yes" vote will authorize the governing body of the municipality to adopt the budget that was introduced and published that provided for an increase in the tax levy over the allowable property tax levy cap authorized by State law at the rate of increase described in the ballot question. The additional municipal tax levied on an average assessed residential property of \$333,000 will be \$44.29.

A "no" vote means that the governing body must amend the budget through appropriation reductions or allowable non-property tax revenue increases in order to adopt the budget within the tax levy increase limits set forth by law.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that said referendum be, and the same is scheduled for April 27, 2011, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM prevailing time, in the manner provided by statute.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a public hearing on the budget will be held at the Jackson Township Municipal Building, Main meeting Room located at 95 West Veterans Highway, Jackson, New Jersey on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., at which time and place objections to said budget may be presented by taxpayers or other interested parties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that one certified copy of this Resolution, shall be transmitted to the County Clerk of the County of Ocean and to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, within one business day after adoption, but no later than April 8, with the recorded vote included thereon.

**DATED: 4/5/11**

**ANN MARIE EDEN, R.M.C.  
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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**RESOLUTION 130R-11**

**TITLE: PERMIT THE CALCULATION OF THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES BY USING THE AVERAGE OF THE LAST THREE (3) PRECEDING YEARS TAX COLLECTION RATE**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BY: BRESSI**

**MOTION SECONDED BY: RIVERE**

**YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

**WHEREAS**, the Reserve for Uncollected Taxes is required to be included in each annual budget to compensate for delinquent taxes during the year; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A 40A:4-41c(1), provide that if any municipality in which tax appeal judgments have been awarded to property owners from action of the county tax board pursuant to R.S. 54:3-21 et. seq. or the State tax court pursuant to R.S. 54:48-1 et seq. in the preceding calendar year, the reserve for uncollected taxes may be based on the average of the collection rate for three previous years, following a majority vote of the Governing Body prior to the introduction of the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, it is beneficial to the Township to compute the 2011 Reserve for Uncollected Taxes appropriation under the three year average method; and

**WHEREAS**, the actual percentages of tax collection for 2008, 2009 and 2010 were 98.38%, 98.04% and 98.04%, respectively and the average tax collection percentage over those three years is 98.15%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Jackson, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Jackson hereby authorizes that the “*Reserve for Uncollected Taxes*” be computed using the three-year average of the tax collection rate for possible inclusion in the 2011 adopted municipal budget.
2. Copies of this resolution to the Municipal Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, Auditor and Division of Local Government Services.

**DATED:**

**ANN MARIE EDEN, R.M.C.  
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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**INTRODUCTION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION 131R-11**

**TITLE: AUTHORIZE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 2011 MUNICIPAL OPERATING BUDGET**

**MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET INTRODUCTION RESOLUTION 131R-11 ON FIRST READING, ADVERTISE THE APPROVAL, SYNOPSIS AND NOTICE OF SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON MAY 24, 2011 BY: BRESSI**

**MOTION SECONDED BY: UPDEGRAVE**

**YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

**2011 Municipal Budget**  
of the Township of Jackson, County of Ocean for the year 2011

**Revenue and Appropriation Summaries**

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3. Capital Improvements	100,000	100,000
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Total General Appropriations	39,084,341	39,940,079
Total number of Employees(Full-Time and Permanent Part-Time)	244	269

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Principal	2,805,000
Outstanding Balance	32,490,000

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**2011  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Municipal Budget of the Township of Jackson County of Ocean for the Fiscal Year

It is hereby certified the Budget and Capital Budget annexed hereto and hereby made a part hereof is a true copy of the Budget and Capital Budget approved by resolution of the Governing Body on the

5th day of April, 2011

and that public advertisement will be made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S. 40A:4-6 and N.J.A.C. 5:30-4.4(d).

Certified by me, this 5th day of April, 2011

*AnnMarie Edna*  
Clerk  
95 West Veterans Highway  
Address  
Jackson, NJ 08527  
Address  
(732) 928-1200  
Phone Number

It is hereby certified that the approved Budget annexed hereto and hereby made a part is an exact copy of the original on file with the Clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct, all statements contained herein are in proof, and the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations.

Certified by me, this 5th day of April, 2011

*[Signature]*  
Registered Municipal Accountant  
Medford, NJ 08055  
Address  
618 Stokes Road  
Address  
609-953-0612  
Phone Number

It is hereby certified that the approved Budget annexed hereto and hereby made a part is an exact copy of the original on file with the Clerk of the Governing Body, that all additions are correct, all statements contained herein are in proof, the total of anticipated revenues equals the total of appropriations and the budget is in full compliance with the Local Budget Law, N.J.S. 40A:4-1 et seq.

Certified by me, this 5th day of April

*[Signature]*  
Chief Financial Officer

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**CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTED BUDGET**  
It is hereby certified that the amount to be raised by taxation for local purposes has been compared with the approved Budget previously certified by me and any changes required as a condition to such approval have been made. The adopted budget is certified with respect to the foregoing only.  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
Department of Community Affairs  
Director of the Division of Local Government Services  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 By: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION OF APPROVED BUDGET**  
It is hereby certified that the Approved Budget made part hereof complies with the requirements of law, and approval is given pursuant to N.J.S. 40A:4-7.  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
Department of Community Affairs  
Director of the Division of Local Government Services  
Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ 2011 By: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution 131R-11  
**MUNICIPAL BUDGET NOTICE**

Section 1.

Municipal Budget of the Township of Jackson, County of Ocean for the Fiscal Year

Be it Resolved, that the following statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the Year 2011

Be it Further Resolved, that said Budget be published in the The Asbury Park Press

in the issue of April 12, 2011

The Governing Body of the Township of Jackson does hereby approve the following as the Budget for the year 2011.

**RECORDED VOTE**  
(INSERT LAST NAME)

**Ayes**

Kafton  
Rivere  
Updegrave  
Bressi  
Martin

**Nays**

**Abstained**

**Absent**

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7:30 o'clock (A.M.)  
(P.M.)  
(Circle out one) at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2011 may be presented by taxpayers interested persons.

Sheet 2

**DATED: 4/5/11**

**ANN MARIE EDEN, R.M.C.  
TOWNSHIP CLERK**

***BILLS AND CLAIMS***

**MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS BY: KAFTON**

**MOTION SECONDED BY: RIVERE**

**YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

**CHECK#                      VENDOR    AMOUNT**

check #	check date	vendor	Amount Paid	Reconciled/Void	Ref Number
<b>CURRENT</b>					
84381	04/05/11	CAM05 MICHAEL CAMPBELL	2,000.00	04/30/11	3849
84382	04/05/11	RAS05 FRED RASJENICZ - PETTY CASH	189.91	04/30/11	3849
84383	04/05/11	USPO1 U.S. POSTAL SVC(NEOPOST POC)	10,000.00	04/30/11	3849
<b>Checking Account Totals</b>					
		<b>Paid</b>	<b>Void</b>	<b>Amount Void</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
	Checks:	3	0	0.00	12,169.91
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,169.91</b>
<b>GENERAL TRUST</b>					
61016	04/05/11	WAR58 MARIAH'S AMAZING PUPPETS	750.00	04/30/11	3850
<b>Checking Account Totals</b>					
		<b>Paid</b>	<b>Void</b>	<b>Amount Void</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
	Checks:	1	0	0.00	750.00
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>750.00</b>
<b>Report Totals</b>					
		<b>Paid</b>	<b>Void</b>	<b>Amount Void</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
	Checks:	4	0	0.00	12,919.91
	Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>12,919.91</b>

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08/29/11 14:39:22		JACKSON TOWNSHIP Check Register by Check Date		Page No: 2
Fund Description	Fund	Budget Total	Revenue Total	
	1-01	12,169.91	0.00	
	T-12	750.00	0.00	
Total of All Funds:		12,919.91	0.00	

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***DISCUSSION AGENDA:***

- 1. COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN – Schedule budget workshops for May 12 at 6:00 p.m. and May 14 at 11:00 a.m.**

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***PUBLIC HEARING, ANY TOPIC***

**SAUNDRA SUITER, SO. COOKS BRIDGE ROAD** she asked why the budgets hearings are in May. Council Vice President said the Council now gets to work on it. They have to know if the referendum passes first. She asked the maximum taxes would be raised. Council President Martin said if the referendum passes, it would be \$125 per year. She said something was said during the Meet the Mayor meeting on Monday night about the Board of Education members being volunteers and asked why, if the Council is concerned with costs, don't they donate their salary and money toward the deficit? Part time employees do not get benefits. Council President Martin said no Council member is part time; they put in full time hours. Ms. Suiter said she puts in more than 7 hours per day and doesn't get extra for the time she puts in above that. Her crossing guards make far less as part timers and don't get benefits.

**ROGER DOWNING** supports the police and township workers, and commended the Mayor for his decisions and supports him.

**STEPHANIE BROWN, 310 N. PROSPECT ROAD** asked why Councilman Kafton questions Mayor Reina on being a part time Mayor. Councilman Kafton declined comment for personal reasons.

**MICHAEL KELLY, 391 MEADOWOOD ROAD** understood some Board members have part time jobs, but if there is an emergency, they report back to Town Hall right away. He served on a Board for 10 years as a volunteer and didn't think people realize the time that goes into being a Councilperson. The school board is very problematic. That money needs to be cut back. He asked if another amendment could be put on the ballot to bring the police officers back to the level we think they should be. Attorney Foran said only one question could be put on. Mr. Kelly asked if the amount of the cap could be raised. People are just finding about this now and nothing is being done about the future budgets. He claimed he knows how to save money and no one else appears to.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING ON ANY TOPIC BY: KAFTON**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY: UPDEGRAVE**  
**YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN BY: UPDEGRAVE**  
**MOTION SECONDED BY:KAFTON**  
**YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

**10:50 P.M.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

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**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN**

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**JANICE KISTY, R.M.C.**  
**DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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