

ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2011 AT 7:30 P.M., THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HELD ITS SECOND OF THREE 2011 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETINGS IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed for Jackson Township student James Volpe, who passed away.

ROLL CALL:

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

**ATTORNEY CIPRIANI
TOWNSHIP CLERK EDEN**

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

**MAYOR REINA
ADMINISTRATOR TORRES
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PINKAVA
TOWNSHIP AUDITOR RODNEY HAINES**

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.

COMMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS:

COUNCILMAN KAFTON stated we are here to review budget amendments and Council is trying to avoid layoffs. It is vital to save jobs.

COUNCILWOMAN RIVERE asked for a motion for one or two Council members to sit in on the negotiations. Council President Martin agreed. Mayor Reina had no objection but would defer to the bargaining units for their input.

**MOTION TO SIT IN ON (ONLY) NEGOTIATIONS/DEFER TO THE FOUR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNITS BY: KAFTON
MOTION SECONDED BY: UPDEGRAVE**

YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI, MARTIN

TOWNSHIP CLERK EDEN confirmed the appointed Council members are Councilwoman Rivere and Council President Martin.

COUNCILWOMAN UPDEGRAVE waived any further comment, but thanked everyone for coming.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRESSI felt there has been some good input but felt there should be an executive session to discuss personnel issues.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN waived comments.

MAYOR REINA thanked everyone for coming out. He extended condolences to the Volpe family. He thanked the PBA for what they are doing for the Memorial Day parade.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PINKAVA said the amendments she had were submitted to Council last week. These numbers were reviewed after the budget was

introduced and shortfalls were found. Some items were capitalized that were taken out. There were adjustments in salaries in Administration for \$16,859.50. There was a reduction of \$27,095.19. There was an \$800 allowance under two headings, which was adjusted to be only in salaries and wages. The defeated school budget reduced another \$13,000. Purchasing was increased by \$10,000 and also above class. Legal services due to tax appeals, bargaining units, and negotiations might need \$80,000 more. Council President Martin asked why \$49,000 is budgeted under Municipal Clerk for Elections. Ms. Pinkava said that is for the school board election and the referendum, which we had to pay 50% for, and we pay for the Primary and General elections. Under Housing and Inspections, the \$20,000 for a vehicle was moved to Capital and taken out of their budget line item. Rent Control will resume its bimonthly meetings at an additional cost of \$1,600 for the secretary. There was some switching around due to layoffs, affecting health benefits at \$6,936.98 reduction. Unemployment trust increased by \$6,071 due to the switch. Anniversary increases for Police that were omitted is \$46,755.00 and layoffs decreased that by \$19,407.50. an additional \$50,000 is added for comp time. Overtime might increase by \$92,000 up to the 2% cap. Other expenses for Police include \$10,375 for the Global Connect which wasn't originally put in the budget. Mayor Reina said that is used for emergency calls only, no public service announcements. Ms. Pinkava said next is Streets and Roads under other expenses, two vehicles were included under the Capital plan, resulting in a \$50,000 from the budget line item and moved to Capital. There was a contractual item of \$10,000 for above class. Animal Control salaries and wages contains an adjustment for the two part time workers that covered the full time worker who was on disability. For Office of the Golden Age, there were several layoffs, and part time workers increased to a certain limit to cover the shortage. Municipal Court contains an \$12,000 increase due to the reduction of furlough days to every other week from every week, due to a court order. A Clean Communities Grant was received for \$87,000 which is an offset and does not affect the budget in any way. There was a slight change in reserve for uncollected taxes of \$1,205.73. The budget is increased by \$73,350.00. \$180,000.00 was still available that would not increase the taxes, per Ms. Pinkava. She had suggested putting the remaining \$100,000.00 in for Police overtime, but that has not been decided yet. The 49 layoffs are still part of the proposal. Councilman Kafton asked if it wouldn't be cheaper to keep the 23 officers than put \$100,000 toward overtime. Administrator Torres said they have been speaking with the contract units and they will take back the recommendations to their members, and they ultimately hope for no layoffs. Councilwoman Rivere asked for a dollar amount of what it would take to eliminate the layoffs completely. Administrator Torres said \$900,000. Councilwoman Rivere said if they could find \$800,000, they lose no jobs and was told that is correct. Council Vice President Bressi said there is no time now to work on these numbers, and he doesn't have them. He thought he made that very clear at the last meeting, and he still doesn't have the numbers he asked for. Council has not had the opportunity to go through the line items and actually do the workshop, and he doesn't like it. Councilwoman Rivere asked if any Department Heads came back to the Administrator or Chief Financial Officer with any possible reductions in their budget.

Dan Burke said he would go back if that was a possibility and he doesn't have a deal. He doesn't want any money saved to be diverted to other departments. Mr. Burke did have some ideas to decrease the budget. Administrator Torres said the department heads now have to go back to their collective bargaining units.

PUBLIC HEARING, PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Dan Burke, Director of Community Development and Enforcement said budgets have been cut to the bone as it is. Unions have to make cuts. There is an ungodly amount of paid time off and unions have to step up and make changes. They are the biggest part of it. You have to go to the unions that represent the people and ask for something back. Everyone needs to be treated fairly.

Jeremy Felder, 401 Sage Court said last week, it was said that cuts need to be made and come up to a budget that could be worked with. A contract was signed last year with the PBA where they ponyed up \$136,000 and in exchange, every person that retired would be replaced. No one was replaced and now you are going to lay off 23 additional officers. That was a guarantee and it wasn't lived up to. Mayor Reina said that contract he signed

was based on funds that were supposed to come in. When you don't have the funds coming in, you can't make it happen. His goal was to save the jobs. He should have come forward and explained it, and he regretted that. Councilman Kafton thought the Council should have approved the Mayor to sign that contract. Township Clerk Eden said he was correct and could check the file for that approval.

John Siedler, SOA President said the Council did approve those contracts. Township Clerk Eden said she would check the file on Monday. Council President Martin said we have to keep in mind the economy is the worst it has been ever. Council Vice President Bressi said the issue is credibility, if there is a signed contract.

Patti Pennington, 3 London Drive said we are talking about people that are on a roller coaster. She felt we are spinning our wheels here. People need to know where their futures lie. She asked Mr. Torres if he ever walked through every department to see what the employees do and see what is needed to run this town day after day. Mr. Torres said not all, but he has done most of them. She asked about an assistant Registrar who would be paid fees and if she would get a percentage of fees. Township Clerk Eden said it is actually the Deputy Registrar and we are required to have one. There was a legal opinion. The policy is to pay from the fees; the Town doesn't pay. The Registrar is an entirely different title and is required by State Statute. Ms. Pennington said she doesn't get paid per job she does; she gets one salary. Township Clerk said they hold two different positions; their position of Township employee, through the union, and the other position, which is State mandated, and is paid through the fees, for what they process. Ms. Pennington asked if the Township paid for the education required for the Registrar position. Township Clerk Eden said there isn't a fee for the classes that they went to. Ms. Pennington asked about legal services, and how much is due to illegal dealings in the town, like the JR Landscaping issue. Ms. Pinkava said they have gotten bills up to April, but the bills are intermingled and did not have a figure at this moment. Ms. Pennington asked about the Global Connect bill and knows the school uses a system for a flat fee. She asked why we are paying 50 cents per call. Mayor Reina said there is a standard contract with Global Connect, which is 50 cents per call. The school system was impressed and wanted to be included with the Town, when their contract expires. Mayor Reina was not familiar with their contract. Ms. Pennington said they are encouraged to use it; it is unlimited with the school. Mayor Reina said the Town's system goes to those it is set up; the school is different. Ours is emergency. Ms. Pennington said she received a robo call for Meet the Mayor. Mayor Reina said she shouldn't have received it; if she could provide the day and time, he would research it for her. Ms. Pennington asked if they considered cutting back on benefits for part time people. Administrator Torres said part timers don't get benefits, unless it is statutory, and generally, part timers do not receive benefits.

Campbell Brown, PBA President said at the last budget workshop, Chief Kunz was the only one who offered reductions in his budget. Councilwoman Rivere wanted to know if any Department Heads offered reductions. Mr. Brown read from the contract he had, that if any vacancies occurred, the vacancy would be filled within 60 days. Mr. Brown said that hasn't happened. He also read that there wouldn't be layoffs for a period of one year [ending 8/25/11], and if they did, the contract would be null and void and any moneys returned by the Township. Contracts are negotiated in good faith. It is not the union's responsibility to save this Town. They are open to listening and are negotiating right now. He was given a notice saying he will be laid off on June 30, 2011, and as far as he knows, that will happen. Period.

Michael Kelly, 391 Meadowood Road just heard the Mayor say he forgot to go and tell them that you weren't going to honor the contract and you forgot to do it. He suggested the Mayor needs to focus on Jackson. He asked Mr. Torres to please find the amount the Police department has collected on their road jobs. Mr. Kelly has asked the finance officer to put it online, but was told it is proposed. He asked the true amount of money coming in. Campbell Brown said it was about \$109,000. Mr. Kelly said Jackson isn't the only town with a 2% cap. He is asking why this wasn't addressed sooner. He said the Mayor needs to work with the unions and get the budget set for the next few years. Mr. Kelly asked about shared services with the school. He said motor pool should be combined with the school.

Scott Sargeant, Acting President, TWU had no problem with anyone sitting in on negotiations, provided that there aren't any last minute changes. He said the TWU volunteered for the service as well. The average Public Works employee makes \$40,000 and in the last year, they have given back \$10,000 each. He credited Mr. Torres for speaking with his union and Ms. Pinkava's office for crunching numbers in quick fashion so they could move forward. His concern is not to start the process over again. He is willing to sit in on any sessions for shared services with the school.

Paul Mayerowitz, 91 Cypress Point Lane referenced the comment for negotiations with the Department heads, but he was under the impression the Department heads served in the best interest of the Township. Council Vice President Bressi said they are not negotiating with Department heads. Mr. Burke made some very valid points; it isn't negotiating. Mr. Mayerowitz said it was a problem with him that extra money was asked to be looked for initially and now all of a sudden they are finding extra money. Council Vice President Bressi said any Department head that helps his department helps the whole town. In Mr. Burke's case, his department saved money but it was diverted elsewhere. He brought up a valid point, if an individual department is performing above and beyond, why can't they use that to save jobs in that department? Mr. Mayerowitz said each department was asked if there was any additional money to be found, and now all of a sudden, we are finding additional money. Speaking of saving job positions, if they are saved this year, how will this impact us in 2012. The entire budget process has to change. The numbers need to be reviewed sooner, right after the departments submit their numbers. Council President Martin said they would love to cut a budget in January, but they must wait for State Aid numbers that aren't received until later. Council Vice President Bressi agreed with Mr. Mayerowitz. He also felt last week's meeting was not handled properly; they did not go through the budget line by line. As far as next year, he agreed you have to look beyond one year for impacts. Council President Martin said he agreed also with Mr. Mayerowitz, but putting together a budget with the departments and adopting the budget are two entirely different things. Council Vice President said in the meantime, you could be working with the departments. Mr. Mayerowitz asked if the Council had identified any items that could be saved. Council felt there isn't much to be found. Mr. Mayerowitz said cutting capital items increases cost elsewhere. You need to stick to a capital program each year, or play catch up. The CBAC provided recommendations. Councilwoman Updegrave said they would be looking into the code to be sure the fees are in line with other towns, and she thanked the Mayor for responding to her email right away on that. Ms. Pinkava said they are doing an in house analysis of fees to assist in that regard. Mr. Mayerowitz said they are looking into a system to track renewals for licenses and late fees, and is something that affects the public welfare and safety. Councilwoman Rivere said the money is in personnel and health benefits, and everyone should share the pain. Trucks are not the answer. Mr. Mayerowitz felt the billboard ordinance and mercantile licenses would benefit economic development and would support it. The Economic Development Committee recommends it.

Joe Candido, PBA said the road job numbers are not budgeted for. Ms. Pinkava said she looked into the last two years and it is about \$100,000. Mr. Candido said they asked for the numbers for a long time. He said there is no credibility.

Campbell Brown, PBA President asked about the Global Connect charges of 50 cents; is it per call. Mayor Reina said it averages to 50 cents per call for the year based on the number of calls made. It is not per call. There is a 2% cap and it is years and years of problems. The 2% cap financially burdens every municipality. They are trying to address the problem at hand; hence the negotiations. We understand the mistakes. He wants to save 49 jobs. Global Connect will not save the jobs. Mr. Brown asked why there is \$15,000 on the salary line for the Mayor. Mr. Torres said it is for the position, not the individual. Later on it will be used for other purposes, not that the Mayor is drawing that salary. Mr. Brown understood, but said if we are looking for money, that is \$15,000 that could be used somewhere else. He questioned overtime and was satisfied; he then asked Council to look into the additional legal costs, adding that \$80,000 was quite expensive for the remainder of the year. He asked if there is a trust fund for construction and was told no. Mr. Brown asked what trust funds there are and Ms. Pinkava answered there are a number: recycling, handicapped, recreation, and they take

funds in and expenditures are for that purpose. There is none for construction at this time.

Allen Stern, 3 Arizona Avenue was looking at the ratio of people who voted against the referendum. Most people would like to know there is police protection and the town is staffed to provide services. People did not vote down the budget because they don't like the police or municipal workers; they voted it down because they felt they were being handed a line of bull. It seems to people that the town is trying to dig deeper into their pockets due to a lack of credibility and trust. He asked the shenanigans to stop.

Raeann Walker, 2 Evergreen Court asked Mr. Torres how much it cost the town to bring the leaves to JR and how much to take the leaves away. Mr. Torres said there was no cost because he didn't charge the town. She said this was relevant because as of this week, they were still being instructed by the DEP to remove leaves and she wanted to know the cost, because we are still losing police and public workers. They have been told over and over that it is over, but it isn't.

Bill Spedding, 26 Oakmont Lane asked about the Registrar issue and what question the Township attorney was asked for a legal opinion on. Township Clerk Eden responded it was a review of the State Statute. Mr. Spedding asked Mr. Torres if he remembered the name of the Registrar in Paterson. Mr. Torres thought it was Ms. Gibson. Mr. Spedding recalled he worked for the State Registrar in the 1960s and the Registrar in Paterson at the time was complaining that her salary was low. Standard procedure was that you are entitled to fees or salary. He questioned the legal opinion given, and if the salary paid was both fees and salary. Township Clerk Eden clarified her earlier statement, saying Registrars are required to be paid, and they could be paid up to the Council setting a salary for the position over and above the clerical position they hold with the Town. They are doing both functions, or they are paid from the fees. Mr. Spedding said there are three obstacles in public service: unions, civil service, and political interference, and the last one dwarfs the other two.

Michael Kelly, 391 Meadowood Road said he was asked if he was getting a car and was told no, but he is getting a \$400 car allowance would cover that and more. Mr. Kelly said every basic service should be cut. People should pick up their own leaves because they don't want to pay for it.

Joyce Cladek, 116 Butterfly Road asked if the JR case was brought to the Prosecutor's office and Council President Martin said yes; other Council members were unaware of that. He received a copy today and will make sure the rest of the Council members receive copies. Ms. Cipriani needs support from people in that area.

Raeann Walker, 2 Evergreen Court said she signed her case today. She didn't want to see Jackson Township taking more materials out. Council Vice President Bressi was as confused as Ms. Walker; this will be looked into further.

Joyce Cladek asked why there are port potties near the new rest room facilities at the softball fields, and if they could be removed to save money. Mr. Bressi questioned the bill for the port potties for that facility as well. Ms. Cladek said the concession stands are run by the leagues, but if you bid the facility to an outside concern, they would be responsible for cleaning up the rest rooms as well. Council Vice President Bressi agreed with her last comment that it would be only a few thousand dollars. He said a few thousand here and there adds up to maybe \$80,000 and he was appalled that at the last meeting they didn't review the budget for those smaller line items that could add up to a substantial savings. Ms. Cladek also brought up the transfer station, and companies are bringing dump materials there and she didn't understand why she has to pay for that when she is not renovating her home. As far as dog licenses, why not have licenses good for three years instead of one; it could save money.

Garry Black, 76 Lewis Lane thought some suggestions were good. He said a lot of people voted in the last election and have no idea what is going on in Jackson. The budget went down because of the economy and people are on the verge of losing their houses; they can't afford any more money. There has been progress but it is time to re-do

the whole government set up. Long term contracts aren't viable. Go through the ordinances and start cutting. We have to decide what we need to survive. Jackson Township is more government than services. There is a cost to over-regulation and it is killing us now.

Patti Pennington, 3 London Drive asked if the executive session would still be done tonight and Council President said yes, after the Chief of Police speaks. Councilwoman Rivere didn't know if there was enough time to implement any results of negotiations. Township Clerk Eden explained again to the public the Township has to conduct their public hearing on the introduced budget (April 5) on May 24. The budget didn't fail; the levy failed. On May 24, the amendments will be introduced, and read by title. The Council anticipates the public hearing on the amendments on May 31. Then the budget is adopted with the inclusion of the amendments. The Township did receive an extension till June 1 to adopt its budget. Ms. Pennington wanted cold hard numbers to work with and felt badly for all the people in the room who won't know if they will be working after July 1. Councilwoman Rivere asked if there was enough time to incorporate any concessions. Administrator Torres felt they could make the deadline.

Matthew Kunz, Chief of Police said there were many meetings in this room; this is another bad year and they were asked to find another 10%, which they did. They scaled way back because the Township needed it. Now they are asking the Township to make some cuts.

Gene Davis, 6 Llewellyn Court said the payments to the lawyers are completely outrageous. Mr. Gilmore received half a million dollars. Put him on a salary of \$125,000 and you could save the jobs. Put the labor attorneys on salary. Bond lawyer could be put on salary. If they don't like it, there's the door. Mr. Davis said he went through the budget line by line and there is a line item for \$10,000 with no explanation. He called for the administrator's resignation.

Camille Elluzzi, AFSCME said AFSCME hasn't been contacted at all for any negotiations. She finds it hard to believe that concessions could be made because no one has called them since March 17. They support the police and TWU. Administrator Torres said they met with AFSCME earlier today, their attorney, himself, Ms. Fluck, and three Union Reps. Mayor Reina asked for the attendance list from that meeting. Administrator Torres named those at the meeting and they were actually members of the TWU. He stated he did meet with AFSCME, but not today. Council Vice President Bressi said the deadline is May 31 and this is the 19th, and they haven't met with AFSCME, yet Administrator Torres previously stated he met with all four unions? How can he do that? Administrator Torres said the last time they met, there was an unfair labor practice allegation made by their attorney and they will meet again as they proceed to work through the issues. Council Vice President raised several issues; the administrator stated he met with all four unions but AFSCME has a meeting date of June 9, which is after May 31; they haven't gone line by line on the budget to work through the issues, and how are they going to do that with the established time frame? How do we explain this? Council President Martin said whatever is going to happen with the unions has to happen by next week. Ms. Elluzzi was unaware of a June 9 meeting. She reiterated the last meeting they had was March 17. She welcomed anyone to contact her on Monday and she would make her time available. Mayor Reina asked how soon she could get everyone together. Ms. Elluzzi said she would make phone calls today and Ms. Wood would contact the Mayor. Mayor Reina said he would accommodate their schedule.

Jack Siedler, SOA President said Mr. Torres has approached the SOA, but the labor attorney has refused to meet with the SOA to discuss a new contract, and it is May 19.

Sean Giblin, 515 S. Cooks Bridge Road agreed with Mr. Mayerowitz on the mercantile license. Also, he asked if Animal Control canvasses for dogs barking in town; it seems in 1975, more licenses were issued for dogs than now. There were 18,000 people in Jackson then and over 54,000 people now. Revenue is the answer for this town. He said the election line has \$49,000, and Clerk Eden explained the cost involved for the referendum question. Mr. Giblin said a revenue producer might be a parking tax. It was turned down in Assembly because the term 'amusement' has to be more specific. The

measure is failing again. Freehold Township introduced an ordinance for a fine for unregistered vehicles parked on a public lot or lot that has public access. The fine is \$100. The money goes to the Township. He read from their ordinance and stated this could be a revenue maker for the Township.

Paul Mayerowitz, 91 Cypress Pointe Lane followed up and agrees with Mr. Giblin. The equipment to implement this procedure will be acquired with grant money; Mr. Mayerowitz said the ordinance must be in place to start the revenue flowing.

Matthew Kunz, Chief of Police said Mr. Mayerowitz is correct about the license recognition program, valued at \$36,000 and the equipment is due shortly and will be put to good use. On the topic of revenues, the Township can sell up to six liquor licenses and there is income to be had there. Council Vice President Bressi said they increased the amount of licenses. They have to decide how many to sell and not try to devalue the existing licenses. Chief Kunz said they are big ticket items, and perhaps selling one a year for six years is the thing to do. Council Vice President Bressi agreed. Clerk Eden needs instruction from Council and action could be taken fairly soon after. Councilwoman Rivere did not object to these one shot deals; she did object to taking a piece of land and selling it and it is one shot. Liquor licenses are a source of income. Chief Kunz recalled the Mayor admonishing the former administrator to 'find the money.' He said he has confidence that this group could find the money as well.

Allen Stern, 3 Arizona Avenue agreed with Mr. Bressi. As much as one shot deals are not generally good, there is a downward spiral. People are losing their jobs and homes. Revenues are being lost, and the amount of money spent by laid off individuals is down. Government must keep cash flow going. It is not good for people to be laid off, creating more problems. One shot deals might be the way to go. He said the shenanigans here remind him of the famous Abbott and Costello routine. Council Vice President Bressi defended the Council, when they find out information for the first time, such as tonight, they do follow up on it.

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

RESOLUTION 165(A)R-11

**TITLE: RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION TO AUTHORIZE
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL TO ENTER INTO CLOSED DISCUSSIONS
CONCERNING MATTERS AS NOTED BELOW**

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

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public from a public meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this governing body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

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

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion concerning the hereinafter-specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:
 - a) Personnel/Professionals: Layoffs as it relates to the CY 2011 Municipal Operating Budget
 - b)

- b) Litigation/Potential Litigation
 - c) Potential Land Sale/Land Acquisition
 - d) Contracts/Agreements:
3. It is anticipated that the subject matter discussed may be made public upon its conclusion or final disposition.

DATED: 5/19/11

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

RECONVENED MEETING OF MAY 19, 2011 AT 12:25 A.M. (MAY 20, 2011)

ROLL CALL:

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

**ATTORNEY CIPRIANI
TOWNSHIP CLERK EDEN**

**ALSO: MAYOR REINA
ADMINISTRATOR TORRES
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PINKAVA
TOWNSHIP AUDITOR RODNEY HAINES**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN said they are looking at a few different scenarios. They identified \$240,000 in reductions to the budget, which is part of the way. This is a bare bones budget. Revenues are down; we are in a recession. They have to work with the unions and bargaining unions to see if they can get the rest of the way. Council Vice President Bressi said he was unhappy with the process they had but they have to move forward. Clerk Eden said the goal is for Council to seek an extension on adopting the budget to June 14 in lieu of May 31. Administrator Torres will contact the DCA to see if that is a possibility. Council President Martin said that is a long shot. He asked if anyone from the public had a comment.

Campbell Brown, PBA President asked if the \$240,000 in reductions includes the levy cap raise and was told yes.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT BY: UPDEGRAVE
MOTION SECONDED BY: RIVERE
YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

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

12:30 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN

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

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