

TONI NAGLE-ROWE, TAX ASSESSOR – Update – Staffing requirements - Ms. Nagle-Rowe returned to Council for an update. Since I completed this report yesterday, I have 532 appeals and there are 2 more days for the appeal process. The last day is the busiest day and I estimate about 800 appeals. I find that we are falling behind.

She went over her report with Council stating in 2011 the total number of appeals filed were 410 and in 2010 it was 800. For the added assessments, the 2011 decline was because K. Hovnanian was the only developer. There were 617 in 2010, 414 in 2011 and 84 completed for 2012, which have to be completed by September.

7:15 PM – COUNCILMAN MARTIN ARRIVED

Last year (Jan – March 2011), we completed 584 inspections and for (Jan - March 2012), we have completed 74. The Council asked her the total she did in 2011? Ms. Nagle-Rowe stated there is no way of telling how many actually as the program only lists one per property, but you can go to each property 4 times. Mr. Kafton asked for clarification; she explained she has 800 open building permits for the Jan – March 2012 period. Ms. Nagle-Rowe explained her procedures for added assessments. Mr. Bressi commented her information does not match the Building Departments numbers. Ms. Nagle-Rowe clarified that the Building Department has updates, but we don't check those. We only check certain items.

Barry Calogero – 314 Mackenzie Drive – You mentioned a backlog, do you know how many are available yet for inspection? Ms. Nagle-Rowe responded no; we have to continuously inspect them. You had 584 completed at this time last year, how many were outstanding at that time? She replied she is not sure.

Mr. Kafton asked what triggers your department to go out to inspect when the project is finished and why do you do multiple inspections on one property? Ms. Nagle-Rowe referred as an example, in 2009 a resident took out a permit for a finished basement and ran out of money, they have been doing slow completion. Mr. Martin asked what if they are done? She replied then we will miss it.

Council and Ms. Nagle-Rowe had discussions on why she inspects quarterly. Mr. Bressi asked Mr. Torres when an inspection is done, does the Building Department have something in place to notify the Assessor? Mr. Torres explained yes. Mr. Kafton stated we don't get benefits until the added assessment is complete. Ms. Nagle-Rowe indicated that not true because if half a house is up, we can assess it as half complete and I would never get a CO for that.

Mr. Bressi feels the whole key is the communication between the Building Department and the Assessor's office. Mr. Kafton feels maybe they can streamline it and maybe she needs a part-time person. Ms. Nagle-Rowe stated it takes months to key it in, its not something that can be done overnight. Mr. Bressi asked Mr. Torres to confirm with the Building Department for final inspection with notify the Assessor's office for a report for the backlog to be presented in 6 weeks.

We do not get the full permit, so we don't distinguish between a homeowner and contractor. Just a block and lot and what they're doing. We don't get CO's for a lot of things so there are items that have to be checked without a CO.

Ms. Nagle-Rowe spoke with the County the other day in reference to the appeals, as to the number of people in her office and there is some concern there as they're going into October with the appeals. So if she has 7 months to prepare, its going to take her that long. She stated she needs help in the office; it takes all day to key in 100 appeals.

SHARON PINKAVA, Chief Financial Officer - Financial Administration (pg. 73), Audit Services (pg. 84), Unemployment Trust Fund/Unemployment Insurance (pg. 237), Prior Year Bills (pg 429), Accumulated Leave Trust (Comp & Sick) (pg 447), Public Employment Retirement System (pg. 493), Police/Fireman's Retirement System (pg. 500), Social Security (pg. 498), Bond Principal/Note Principal (pg. 567), Bond Interest (pg. 562), Note Interest (pg. 577), Special Emergency Appropriations (Master Plan (pg.

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Finance Department - Had a reduction in salaries & wages by \$20,426.51 and other expenses have increased slightly by \$1,234. Mr. Kafton asked why did the other contractual items request a 4.8%. Ms. Pinkava stated it was requested by the school board budget and was taken out and we no longer do that.

Audit Services – auditor awarded a contract for \$41,000.

Betsy Cross – Asked who the auditors are & how long they have been our auditors? Ms. Pinkava informed her the auditors are Holman & Frenia and this is their 2nd year. She indicated Fallon & Larsen were our prior auditors.

Unemployment Trust Fund/Unemployment Insurance – Down to \$50,000. There was quite a bit last year, we had lay offs and we have to put in account for part time & seasonal workers. My analysis should be good.

Prior Year Bills – None at this time.

Accumulated Leave Trust (Comp & Sick) – Went down over \$24,000.

Public Employment Retirement System – This is a statutory requirement, it is the obligation of the Municipality to pay for Public Employment Retirement System.

Police/Fireman's Retirement System - Statutory requirement, this went down by \$272,170.00.

Social Security – No discussion.

Bond Principal/Note Principal – The total outstanding debt is \$22,378,000 not including open space.

Bond Interest - Based on debt service schedule.

Note Interest - This is from tax anticipation note. No BAN last year, no interest was due.

Special Emergency Appropriations (Master Plan) – for the Master Plan, this is the 5th year in a 5-year plan. We won't have this next year for \$50,000. It's a statutory obligation.

Codification of Ordinances – This is part of a special emergency plan for 5 years for \$4,026.00; this is the first year.

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes – An appropriation that we have to raise for uncollected taxes which includes the Municipality, Schools. We have to bear the burden. The Council asked why are we appropriating more? Ms. Pinkava explained this was done last year and we probably had based our reserve for uncollected taxes on that. Mr. Martin asked if Mr. Campbell was aware of that? Mr. Bressi stated yes. Mr. Kafton asked if it could be reduced? Ms. Pinkava stated our collection rate is 98.12%. If the rate goes up, then this goes down. These numbers are also based on fire districts and schools boards and we need to use all those numbers. Whatever you put into it is what you spend, we've never canceled out anything. Mr. Martin stated maybe we can cancel it out in December.

Betsy Cross – Asked what did the Township use last year? Ms. Pinkava answered \$2.5 Million last year and \$2.618 Million for this year. Ms. Cross stated it didn't seem like that much to her. Mr. Bressi explained to her the Township is the custodian of the monies the Township has to allow to figure if we don't collect the taxes, we still need to pay the County, Schools, Fire Districts, etc.

Rob Nixon – Are you saying your still waiting to hear from the schools and fire districts on what those figures will be? Ms. Pinkava stated yes and its basically based off the collection rate. Mr. Bressi is comfortable with the figures.

Health Benefit Waiver – Up \$12,200, Council asked why? Ms. Pinkava advised when someone waives their health benefits they are the Township allows them to get compensated \$160 per month. If they have another policy through the State, they're not allowed to have both. Mr. Kafton asked does that mean if this goes up our health costs go down? Mr. Martin answered yes.

Rob Nixon – Stated that the State Statute changed in 2010 under Senate Bill 3 they changed the formula that caps how much an employee could waive their health benefits for. It's 25% of the cost or \$5,000 whichever is greater. Mr. Bressi stated if both employee and spouse are on a State plan, they cannot collect the health benefit waiver.

Supplemental Fire Services Aid – This amount is regulated by the State and it requires us to have an appropriation for this specific amount.

Community Services Act/Snow removal – Mr. Bressi we've already been through Jan - March and we'll have to wait for end of this year for snow. Mr. Torres stated monies are in there because we have not paid as we wanted to make sure everyone was on line with the new contract. Mr. Bressi confirmed that some of this money may cover bills from 2011 or 2010. Ms. Pinkava stated Council needs to keep in mind that the electric & the street lighting has gone up. Some of these have moved over and these bills are now over in the street lighting category.

Overcommitted Bills – From a 2010 bill that had been presented to my office after the fact, reserve year.

LOSAP –

Betsy Cross – Does the Township have a paid ambulance staff? Council answered no. She verified that this is a retirement contribution. Ms. Cross asked how many people does that cover? Ms. Pinkava doesn't have a list yet. Mr. Martin explained Quality Medical covers half the day and the other half are volunteers. When a volunteer comes to the house, you're not billed, when Quality Medical comes, your insurance is billed.

DCRP Retirement – We have added on to the Bus drivers, not only is it for elected and appointed officials, but also part time permanent employees that don't meet the requirements of the hours and the dollar amount. But we are permitted to pay them by State. Ms. Cross asked what makes you eligible for that? Ms. Pinkava if you make \$5,000.

Matching Funds Grants – Mr. Martin stated in 2009 nothing was used, 2010 nothing was used, 2011 we used \$3,000 and in 2012 your requesting \$10,000 but we're giving you \$15,000. Ms. Pinkava there are 2 grants this year that are always in our Budget that we have not gotten approval for one is the Municipal Alliance which has a matching of \$6,639 & the Roid Grant which has a matching of \$3,000. I'd like to have some extra. Mr. Martin asked why haven't we gotten these grants in past years? Ms. Pinkava we've gotten them before and they were budgeted for but because its not in the budget, we have to set it up this way.

Capital Improvement Fund – Based on 5% down payment of capital improvements. We are anticipating \$50,000 same as last year. Mr. Kafton asked if whole thing is accounted for? No, this account is set up for bond issues that are up for this year. Mr. Kafton asked if we know how much this year? Ms. Pinkava stated that after our 2012 bond ordinance, there will be nothing in there.

Dead Air Time – 55:20 – 56.20

Mr. Torres stated its safe to state that the majority is accounted for. Ms. Pinkava stated if you do a bond ordinance next year you'll have to double that or even more.

JOEY TORRES, Business Administrator – Office of the Mayor (pg. 45), Department of: Administration – Office of Business Administrator (pg. 1), Human Resources/Personnel (pg. 19), Purchasing (pg. 10), Information Technology (& Information Technology Committee) (pg. 94), Legal Services (120), Historical Commission (pg. 148), Economic Development (pg. 144), Rent Leveling Board (pg. 183), Mayor’s Private Residential Communities Advisory Board (pg. 157), Going Green Committee (pg. 373), Liability (pg. 218), Workers Compensation (pg. 221), Employee Group Insurances (pg. 224), Emergency Medical Services/Volunteer Ambulance Services (pg. 287), Relocation Assistance (pg. 387), Health Care Aid (pg. 389), Celebration of Public Events (pg. 455), Salary & Wages/Adjustments (pg. 457), Purchase of Office Equipment (pg. 445), Judgments (pg. 517), Intergovernmental Services/Jackson MUA (pg. 525) Budget Revenues

Business Administrator – Office of the Mayor - Reduction in other expense of -4.07%, title only change of \$15,000. Mr. Kafton asked why do we have monies in that account when it was removed last year? Mr. Torres stated there is a possibility that the Mayor maybe changing jobs and he may be able to collect his salary. It’s in there as a side of caution. Mr. Kafton questioned the increase in material? Council members were fine with the total.

Department of: Administration – Office of Business Administrator – Mr. Martin it’s a reduction of 18 cents. It’s a -5.37% salary & wages. Mr. Martin stated we spent \$47,000 in 2011 and for 2012 your asking for \$73,000, what is the justification? Mr. Torres explained we have to appear before Courts on Affordable Housing and the plan needs to be ready by June.

Human Resources/Personnel – 4% increase, we moved Dina who replaced Gina. The salaries will increase because the furloughs are now complete.

Purchasing – Other expenses -12.02 % salary increase, due to the completion of the furloughs. Mr. Kafton asked if anyone receives stipends or a bonus? Mr. Torres answered no.

Information Technology (& Information Technology Committee) – Salary of \$7,500 increase. It is a technology update offset by a dispatch person who is knowledgeable and will allow us to operate and support our IT. Mr. Bressi asked if that’s the only increase? Mr. Torres said yes. Mr. Kafton asked you appropriated \$5,000 but you spent \$9,400. Mr. Torres explained the main server needed work to it.

Christian David – Explained last year we spent more than what was appropriated for. Council asked if he will need the \$8,000 this year? Mr. David answered we’ll never know until it happens. Electronics are unpredictable and the Police server went down. Mr. Bressi stated our systems are aged and he has no problem with it.

Legal Services – We spent \$518,000 last year. It covers special & general counsel and labor counsel. Mr. Bressi stated in the future we want it itemized. Mr. Bressi expressed it was higher because there was a lot of litigation recently. Mr. Torres stated if this Council wants to give me direction on the next round of solicitation, we can attempt to get a flat fee of general services. Mr. Kafton asked if they were spending the same amount of money on general and special Counsel? Mr. Torres defined that he refers to Special as (ongoing litigation) and general (regular items, correspondence, meetings). Mr. Martin asked how much was taken out last year for tax appeals? Mr. Torres explained the highest item was \$120,000 for tax appeals. Mr. Martin wants a trend on tax appeals. Mr. Bressi stated the law firm is working on setting up itemization on bills.

Mr. Bressi wants a cap (not to exceed \$400,000) and anything above; would need to come before us. Mr. Bressi has the Township Clerk researching if you can prove the cost to an OPRA and you can pass it on to the OPRA. We have some that our pages are long and we have to give it to the attorney for review and redact certain information. And if we can bill it back, we should. Mr. Kafton stated you can’t price out an OPRA where the average taxpayer can’t afford it. Mr. Martin stated there are people with legitimate

questions and then there are people who are playing politics. Mr. Kafton believes the problem is that they are letting the legal bills get out of control and maybe we should look into in sourcing. Mr. Bressi stated it would cost more. He mentioned the CBAC has a detailed report. Mr. Bressi asked if Mr. Kafton was good with a cap?

Rob Nixon – He stated he heard Mr. Bressi state that certain things are based on the CBAC Report. Mr. Bressi stated some did come from CBAC and some from Ms. Cipriani.

Betsy Cross – Asked who the general Township Attorney is? Council answered Gilmore & Monahan. Ms. Cross stated a lot of towns have a fixed cost and perhaps you can re-negotiate that. Mr. Bressi stated in the past we had a special Counsel for COAH and now Gilmore & Monahan has it. He also indicated Jackson Township has one of the highest obligations in the State of NJ for COAH.

Paul Mayerowitz– 91 Cypress Point Lane – When the CBAC issued the report; each Council Member received a copy of it. The CBAC didn't receive any questions from Council. One of the things that were contained in the report is that we need to do a follow up report but we never received any direction from Council to do so.

Rob Nixon –What has been presented is a mix of assumptions, not an economic analysis. It starts out with a question if the Township and the Board of Ed should share attorneys and bring those attorney services in house. An open question whether it is ethical under Supreme Court rulings in terms of shared services, any kind of perceived material conflict. In supporting both attorneys, it supposed to disqualify that attorney from any preceding. That person could only be employed by one of you. It probably is possible for one attorney to handle both of those entities and not at a cut-rate cost. You might be able to bid someone lower because they choose to bid on it. If you hire someone you want an experienced municipal attorney law, you could be presenting your case where you're not getting the best representation possible.

Our report does not take into consideration Planning & Zoning. It will probably cost you more under this proposal than what you're paying now. Mr. Bressi stated when we get bills now, it's all covered from copies to travel, etc. He stated after you hire the Lawyer and the Paralegal, your still not figuring the Secretary and Clerk. The report reflects at least one person short. Mr. Kafton stated the legal bills are way out of control; the bottom line is we need to bring these legal bills down. Mr. Bressi agrees and a cap will prevent a lot. Mr. Kafton suggested every meeting Mr. Torres needs to provide the Council with an update where our legal bills are. Council agreed.

Paul Mayerowitz– 91 Cypress Point Lane – In this week's edition of the Tri-Town news, Mr. Cattonar has again wrote a letter stating the case for an in house legal department; repeats of a prior published letters. I do not believe that a case has been made for an in house legal Counsel, especially in a shared service arrangement with the Board of Ed. We have 100 lawsuits, which is an average of \$50,000 and I believe to be an overstatement; there's a difference in a lawsuit and a tort claim. Most Tort claims never get to Court. The statement Jackson Township and the Jackson School District can save an estimated \$50,000 for legal services under one roof with a salaried in house team.

Mr. Mayerowitz believes no way that will happen. To circulate a petition, stating in same letter, without providing any details as to how to do this and whether it makes sense to do. I think it a very dangerous precedent percentage to establish. The CABAC should be charged with investigating the recommendations its made. Speaking with Toms River and Howell and ascertaining what their savings were when they went in house. We going to be savings the mark up on those outside expenses, but we may not be obtaining the best legal services that we can obtain.

Mr. Bressi agrees with the qualify of that person and how one person can't be everywhere. Toms River has 3 attorneys. There were some references made that stated some person here endorses that totally.

Administrator Torres - referred to the advertised letter and began to read from it, the Township Council President requested the CBAC to review the proposal. The volume is the principal driver of costs in keeping legal expenses under control. The Township establishes guidelines, policies and procedures and provides a solid foundation for governments, who adhere to them, the need for incremental legal services can be minimized. It allows multiple attorneys with different specialties to handle many legal issues that a solo in house attorney could not handle. Gilmore & Monahan has various attorneys and each provide specialized services that one in-house attorneys could not provide and would then it would have to be outsourced to special counsel. I've spoken to Bill Dressler, from the League of Municipalities, who then put me in contact with the League's Attorney, which he indicated that we could not run render legal opinion. However, he stated even though the courts have ruled that there is no direct conflict when entering into a shared services agreement with the Board of Education, the Township much clearly delineate and identify the scope of work that is mutually agreed upon by both government entities.

A further conversation with the Department of Community Affairs, they indicated that in prior years the Department provided feasibility study grants to support shared service agreements. However, due to budgetary cuts those Grants are no longer available. I say that to piggyback over what Mr. Mayerowitz just indicated that there are further inquires to be made to able to add value to whether outsourcing is the way to go.

Specifications must be written in the scope of work i.e. land use, tax appeals must be clearly defined and a mutual value must be placed in order to come up with an agreement. In conclusion, I concur with the CBAC final reports whereas it indicates the submitted proposal contained too many open questions to determine its accuracy accounting of legal and potential savings. They failed to take into account, the quality of legal representation and the ability of one attorney would limit sole access to outside Counsel to perform the work required by two distinct government entities. Additional significant research needs to be performed prior to any decision of in house legal in sourcing. However, I think that the recommendation made by all the Council Members this evening and starting with a not to exceed clause would give us clear direction of trying to hold the level on what seems to be a great expenditure.

Mr. Bressi asked if Mr. Foster, Superintendent of Ocean County Schools was contacted? Mr. Torres did in the earlier part of the report, on the 2nd part he did a further call up in preparation of this document. Mr. Foster supports it and I don't think you'll have anyone who doesn't support it. Mr. Bressi expressed the need to review this further. He stated we have to scrutinize to utilize attorneys correctly and get the procedures in place and updates at every meeting are also the key.

Mr. Kafton stated whether the CBAC Board determines the value, Council or someone from the public wants to continue it, it doesn't matter we have to curve theses costs ourselves. Mr. Bressi said to Mr. Mayerowitz I have no problem asking the CBAC to continue any studies. Mr. Martin wants a breakdown, how much is general, litigation fees and how much is tax appeals. Mr. Bressi stated it's a 20% reduction from last year and we will place a cap at \$400,000. Mr. Torres will provide a breakdown, follow it weekly and provide monthly reports to Council. Mr. Torres stated that CFO Pinkava believes we did not budget enough. Mr. Torres feels if we monitor it, we should be fine and he is doing it contrary to her beliefs.

Paul Mayerowitz- 91 Cypress Point Lane – The IT Committee strongly believes \$17,500 for IT Equipment & Services are inadequate and have put together a proposal of some items that are needed, which is well in excess of \$100,000. They believe an additional \$75,000 for the permitting system, additional equipment, disaster recovery, and replacement of operating systems should be budgeted. Light Path had \$300,000 allocated in bond costs, therefore, we request the IT Committee have appropriated or allocated a portion of that \$300,000 of \$75,000 so that some peoples can cover a portion of our problems. We believe that a staffing level is also inadequate. Mr. Bressi is aware and stated to Mr. Torres that we gave a bond to close and perhaps we can redirect \$75,000. Mr. Torres stated he would look into it.

Historical Commission – Regarding the Cook House – DPW could take care of most of the concerns. Mr. Torres stated he went there and its just housekeeping.

Economic Development - Minus 25 %.

Rent Leveling Board – Mr. Martin asked if the other professional services were the Accountant? Mr. Torres stated we no longer require the services of the Accountant and it was the Mayor who came to that decision. No value from the Accountant and feels we're the only Township with an accountant for this Board. Mr. Martin & Mr. Kafton disagrees and want the Accountant. Mr. Martin suggested an escrow account by Ordinance included for Accountant Rent Leveling. Mr. Kafton stated the Board is there to protect all parties; if no accountant is there, it makes no sense. It was determined that Mr. Bellu was here since 2006 and there's always been an Accountant. Mr. Torres stated have a meeting with the Board and this could be taken up at the next Council Meeting. Mr. Kafton asked to make a motion to continue with services on this. Mr. Bressi can't see the Rent Control without an Accountant. It was made clear the Council wants Mr. Bellu and Mr. Bressi stated to have it done as an amendment.

Paul Mayerowitz– 91 Cypress Point Lane – Has anyone examined what the CPA has turned in and why do we need one? Mr. Martin stated he's not a CPA. Mr. Mayerowitz stated we need to look at the work and quality of the work he's done and feels no one has done that recently.

Mayor's Private Residential Communities Advisory Board – No discussion.

Going Green Committee – Mr. Mayerowitz asked what those funds are for? Mr. Kafton explained seminars and advertisement. Mr. Torres stated it was from a Kmart Grant. Mr. Mayerowitz stated there was no progress on achieving certification for about 3 years. Mr. Torres stated we just our energy audit as part of the Going Green Committee.

Liability - No discussion.

Workers Compensation - No discussion.

Employee Group Insurances – Mr. Kafton stated with all the opting out, those numbers should go down. Mr. Martin stated that the rates went up and we did look into outsourcing and nobody bid on us.

Betsy Cross - Asked if the Retirees get covered when they leave? The Council stated not from the Township. Ms. Cross asked in July do the people contribute more or do their contracts bar them from doing that? Mr. Bressi stated no it's a sliding scale from the State and it goes up based on their salary. Mr. Cross asked if the Township pays a broker a commission? Mr. Martin answered no. No Township pays a broker and insurance company pays the broker's fees.

Ms. Cross asked if the Landfill tipping fees were \$365,000? Mr. Bressi stated yes, we're looking at the Bulky Waste. Ms. Cross asked who does the recyclables? Mr. Martin answered the County and we get paid for it. Ms. Cross commented that everyone did a great job.

Emergency Medical Services/Volunteer Ambulance Services - No discussion.

Relocation Assistance – No discussion.

Health Care Aid - No discussion.

Celebration of Public Events – Mr. Kafton asked if we are ever bringing back Jackson Day. Mr. Torres stated we received donations to support it and most of it came from the Township and money is scarce. Mr. Bressi stated its not happening this year.

Salary & Wages/Adjustments - No discussion.

Purchase of Office Equipment - No discussion.

Judgments - No discussion.

Intergovernmental Services/Jackson MUA – No discussion.

CONCLUDING COMMENTS BY COUNCIL ONE-ON-ONE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS BETWEEN TOWNSHIP COUNCIL & RESIDENTS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRESSI – Mr. Bressi asked that all the amendments be done by April 10th and if Mr. Torres and Ms. Pinkava be ready for that? Mr. Torres answered yes. What about the reductions at the last hearings, were you able to plug in the new numbers? Mr. Torres answered yes and we're less than 1%? Mr. Martin stated if you add the Accountant back in you need to factor that. Mr. Bressi said add \$15,000 back in and take it out of the salary & wages for the snow removal . Mr. Torres told Ms. Pinkava to take it out of the OT for the snow removal and put in back in for Juan Bellu. Mr. Bressi stated its still at 1% and it comes to \$29.63 for the average homeowner and for a home assessed at \$450,000 it would be \$40.50.

Budget Revenues – Mr. Mayerowitz stated the fees and permits are down \$50,000 and in 2011 it was \$174,000 and we have a Budget of \$125,000. Ms. Pinkava explained for Jackson Mills there were one-time administrative application fees. Mr. Bressi stated Meridian has a \$92,000 permit to pick up now. There will be a doctor's office and a sport complex will be breaking ground soon, WAWA on County Line Road and Rite Aid will also be getting started soon.

Mr. Mayerowitz stated the CBAC reported on outsourcing the Building Department to a third party and we have not received any quarterly reports. We have concerns about how the numbers will be achieved. Mr. Bressi stated we are opening talks and we should take a close look at the Building Department and if outsourcing can produce a better product at a cheaper rate. Mr. Kafton stated the Building Department should not be running in the red, but outsourcing is not the solution. Mr. Bressi stated there are lots of private companies out there. Meridian should make up a lot. Mr. Bressi stated Mr. Torres, Mr. Burke and Mr. Olejarz are looking into it. Mr. Torres stated the companies are licensed by the State and no fee is charged until the permit is issued. They come and work out of the Township and the residents will deal with the people here.

Betsy Cross – Can I get copies of the binders? Ms. Kisty stated they are located in the Clerk's Office, Senior Center and the Library after introduction.

Mr. Mayerowitz - Suggested putting a PDF on the website. He asked for an explanation of the Capital Fund line item of \$300,000? Ms. Pinkava explained it represents canceled funded bond ordinances.

Betsy Cross – Asked what makes up the Surplus anticipated? Ms. Pinkava explained its residual monies from prior years, its additional money that can be used. You'll see it on the Annual Financial Statement.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY: KAFTON

MOTION SECONDED BY: MARTIN

YES: KAFTON, MARTIN, BRESSI

ABSENT: RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE

9:47 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COUNCIL PRESIDENT BRESSI

**JANICE KISTY, RMC
DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK**

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