

DOWNE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2015
9:00 A. M.

The Downe Township Committee met in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Complex on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Robert G. Campbell presided. Committee members present were Larry Jordan, Sr. and Stephen Byrne. Committee members absent were Deputy Mayor Dennis Cook and Edward Bart. Municipal Solicitor, John Carr, was also present. Sitting in the absence of Municipal Clerk Constance S. Garton, is Nadine Lockley, Deputy Clerk/Office Manager.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / STATEMENT REGARDING COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order; led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

ROLL CALL

Present – Campbell, Jordan and Byrne

Absent – Cook and Bart

Solicitor Carr read a statement into the record from Committeeman Bart and Deputy Mayor Cook.

Mayor Campbell added if we are not able to pass this budget we will have to deal with a tax anticipation note that could have cost between \$5,000-\$10,000 of additional fees.

RESOLUTION

The resolution listed below was presented for approval

R-74-2015 *Adoption of Municipal Budget*

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution R-74-2015.

Roll Call: Aye – Jordan, Byrne and Campbell

 Nay – 0

 Absent – Cook and Bart

PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to open the meeting for public comment.

Bernie Sayers, Newport asked when the meeting was advertised.

Mayor Campbell answered the meeting was advertised on August 11, 2015 in all of the appropriate newspapers.

Mr. Sayers asked if this meeting was only for the budget.

Mayor Campbell answered the meeting is to adopt our local purpose tax budget.

Mr. Sayers asked if a supermajority was required.

Mayor Campbell answered no.

Mr. Sayers stated Mr. Bart and Mr. Cook couldn't make this meeting for something this important.

Solicitor Carr stated we tried to pass the budget on August 10, 2015 and it didn't happen and they were present. They prepared a statement that was read into the record today that they could not be present.

Mr. Sayers repeated they couldn't make it to today's meeting.

Mayor Campbell stated this is the same budget that was introduced in March but was amended due to some changes in the amount of funds received from some grants that we applied for.

Mr. Jordan continued there were some grant moneys included in the budget. We recently received the final grant paperwork and found out we couldn't use the budget numbers that were introduced in March. That's why we are adopting our budget so late in the year. The budget was on the agenda last week for adoption and was not passed.

Mr. Sayers asked if the budget is available to the public.

Mayor Campbell stated the budget is available and only the revenue side of the budget has changed since adoption in March.

Mayor Campbell stated no OPRA request is necessary to obtain a copy of the budget.

Mayor Campbell called for a motion to close the Public Comment portion.

A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to close the Public Comment portion.
Vote: All in favor

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Jordan and seconded by Byrne to adjourn. Vote: All in favor.

Meeting Adjourned


Submitted by Nadine Lockley
Deputy Clerk/Office Manager