

BOROUGH OF WENONAH
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COUNCIL MINUTES – WORK SESSION
May 10, 2012

Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Thomas A. Lombardo,
Wenonah Municipal Building, 1 South West Avenue Wenonah, NJ 08090

Roll Call: Present: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris
Absent: Howard

Open Public Meetings Act Statement

Adoption of the Agenda: JD/PK AIF

Open to Public: JD/PK
No comments

Close to Public: BN/PK

BUSINESS

Motion to Open Public Hearing on the 2012 Municipal Budget JD/RF

Robert Scharle, Borough of Wenonah's CFO, gave out handouts and explained the 2012 budget, redistribution of dollars, and the increase in taxes.

He explained our State Aid, which remained the same as last year, as well as the previous year. The increases in the budget are related to retirement contributions. Rob noted that the surplus amount was replenished, our cash flow is adequate, and our debt service went down \$10,000. Wenonah's budget is under the tax and spending caps. However, our Ratables went down, reflecting tax appeals and reassessments, resulting in a tax increase of 2.6 cents per \$100,000.

Rob entertained questions from public and council. Note: only 3 residents were in attendance; Roger Kearns, Helen Hadfield and Police Officer, Glenn Jones)

Motion to Close to Public: on the 2012 Municipal Budget JD/PL

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Howard

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-60, Amending the 2012 Budget BN/PK

Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Howard

Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-6, Adoption of the 2012 Municipal Budget Read by Title Only BN/JD
Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Howard
Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-62 Resolution opposing Senate Bills 1451 and 1452 JD/PK
Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Howard
Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-63, Appointing Robin Lewis as Risk Manager for the rest of 2012. JD/PK
Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Howard
Motion Approved

Motion to Approve: Resolution 2012-64, Approving 2012 Water Restriction for the Borough PK/JD
Roll Call

Ayes: Dominy, Farina, Kaeferle, Lader, Norris
Nays: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Howard
Motion Approved

OTHER MATTERS: Discussion: Police Department

Councilman Farina distributed a handout for council's review which gave opinion, conflicts, and facts regarding a reorganization of the Police Department. Councilman Farina indicated that the Police Department has relayed that they are under stress due to insufficient help to maintain adequate police protection and at the same time cover Department needs. He indicated that the Committee felt that the Department requires the expertise of a leader and wanted council to weigh in on how to proceed. There was a lengthy discussion (including fine tuning our police chief qualifications and consideration of a "special officer" to fill the gap.) Councilman Farina requested a motion to begin the process to hire help, Council agreed and Council President Dominy seconded. All were in favor.

Open to Public: JD/PK

Resident Ken Asroff, 410 S. Marion, stated that he believed there was a contamination problem with a Deptford landfill located close to Maple Ridge. Council indicated they were not aware of a problem. A brief discussion ensued. Resident Roger Kearns, 104 Lenape Trail, asked council about the OIC position and further clarification regarding the tax rate.

Close to Public: JD/PK

Motion to Adjourn JD/PL 8:53pm

Minutes Submitted

Karen L. Sweeney, RMC

Approved: May 24, 2012