

**SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN**

JULY 24, 2009

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

A Special Public Meeting was held in the Council Conference Room, Town Hall, 399 Monmouth Road, Oakhurst, NJ 07755 beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Larkin
Deputy Mayor Hiers, Councilmember(s) Garofalo, Schepiga

Others: Vincent Buttiglieri, Township Clerk
Stephen Gallagher, Finance Director
Edward Mullane, Tax Assessor

Absent: Councilmember Siciliano
Martin Arbus, Township Attorney
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager

Mayor Larkin presided and called the meeting to order and asked for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Statement of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act:

Mayor Larkin announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act for this meeting have been satisfied; a copy of the Meeting Notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press and The Coaster, posted in Town Hall and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk on July 22, 2009.

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NOTICE:

All cell telephones must be turned off. If you need to make a call, please make your call outside the meeting room.

Mayor's Statement: Public Portion to Ask Questions with Regards to Resolutions

The purpose of this public portion is solely to ask questions to understand Resolutions that appear on the agenda. All questions not related to an item on this Agenda should be asked during the Public Comments portion at the conclusion of the meeting.

Public Questions:

There were no public comments.

CONSENT:

RESOLUTIONS:

On a motion by Councilmember Garofalo and seconded by Councilmember Schepiga, it was moved to approve the following Consent items:

09-122 Authorize the extension of payment for property taxes until August 17, 2009

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A.54:4-66.3 provides that the third installment of current year taxes shall not be subject to interest until the twenty-fifth calendar day after the date that the tax bill was mailed or otherwise delivered, and

WHEREAS, due to the late approval of the Township of Ocean, Monmouth County 2009 budget by the State and the subsequent certification of the tax rate by the Monmouth County Tax Board, Tax bills were not mailed to residents until July 23, 2009, and

WHEREAS, Twenty-five calendar days from the mailing date of the tax bills as required by New Jersey Statute is August 17, 2009,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth that:

1. The Grace Period for the payment of the third quarter 2009 real estate property taxes that were due August 1, 2009 shall be extended to August 17, 2009.
2. Interest shall be charged back to August 1, 2009 for all payments made after the grace period date of August 17, 2009

ROLL CALL:

YES: Garofalo, Hiers, Schepiga, Larkin

ABSENT: Siciliano

Announcement

Introduction(s)

Township Clerk read the following Ordinances by Title:

Ordinance #2135 – An Ordinance authorizing an emergency appropriation according to (P.H. 8/17/09 Coaster) N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53b to update and make current the 2002 revaluation of real property for use of the local assessor

On a motion by Councilmember Garofalo and seconded by Councilmember Schepiga, it was moved to approve Ordinance #2135 on first reading and advertise according to law in The Coaster together with the notice of the Public Hearing which will be held on August 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Meeting Room, Monmouth and Deal Roads, Oakhurst, New Jersey.

ORDINANCE # 2135

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN AUTHORIZING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40a:4-53B TO UPDATE AND MAKE CURRENT THE 2002 REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE BY THE LOCAL ASSESSOR

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Ocean, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53b (CH 48, P.L. 1956 as amended by CH 144, P.L. 1965 and CH 38, P.L. 1969) the sum of \$270,000 be and is hereby appropriated to update and make current the 2002 revaluation of real property in the Township of Ocean for the use by the local Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that authorization to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by the inclusion of at least 1/5 of the amount authorized pursuant to this act (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-55)

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, This ordinance shall take effect after publication and passage as provided by law.

ROLL CALL:

YES: Garofalo, Hiers, Schepiga, Larkin

ABSENT: Siciliano

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Councilmember Schepiga and seconded by Councilmember Garofalo, it was moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Larkin
Mayor

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk