

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL – TOWNSHIP OF OCEAN
(SECTION 8 RESOLUTION)**

APRIL 7, 2010

OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY

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

Others: Martin Arbus, Esq., Township Attorney
Andrew Brannen, Township Manager
Vincent Buttiglieri, Township Clerk

Subject: Litigation - COAH

Action: Martin Arbus, Township Attorney, discussed the status of the ongoing COAH litigation. Also, the legislation regarding affordable housing is still pending and depending on whether or not revisions are adopted, the Township's obligation may differ from what it is to date. The litigation is still pending and the Township is waiting for a new court date. Mr. Arbus will report on any updates at a subsequent meeting.

Subject: Contract – Land Sale

Action: After some discussion, it was determined that the Council had no desire in entertaining the request for this sale.

Subject: Contract – PBA/SOA/Local 701/Local 77

Action: Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, reported that there is no news on the status of the interest arbitration for the PBA. Also, due to the lack of direction from the arbitration, negotiations with Local 701 and Local 77 have ceased. Mr. Brannen will report on any updates as they become available.

Subject: Personnel – Employee Benefits

Action: Andrew Brannen, Township Manager, discussed the various options with regard to the health benefit plans that employees are currently enrolled in, in light of the changes to the State Health Benefits plan which are effective May 21, 2010.

Mr. Brannen explained that the Township does not have any labor contracts in effect as of this date. The Township is currently in arbitration with the PBA and Local 701 and Local 77 are working without any contract. Also, based on discussion with the Township's labor attorney, it was determined that the non-union employees have a current agreement in the Township's Personnel Policy and Procedures. Therefore, based on what is currently in existence, some employees will continue to pay the percentage of premium while others will commence paying the 1.5% of salary. Both will satisfy the new requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC/CMC
Township Clerk