

SPECIAL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES
BUDGET MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2009

The Special Budget Meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury was held at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Answering present to the roll call were: Township Committee members: Winthrop Cody, Thomas Panconi, Jr., Richard Stannard and David J. Stout. Mayor Stave arrived at 4:35 p.m. Also present were: Ms. Christine Smeltzer, Township Administrator, Denise Marabello, Director of Finance and Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk. Mr. Stout led in the salute to the flag and Ms. Cunningham gave the following Open Public Meetings Act statement:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, it is hereby announced and shall be entered into the minutes of this meeting that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided:

- (1) Posted on January 14, 2009 on the Bulletin Board of the Municipal Office at 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains posted at that location.
- (2) Communicated to the Cranbury Press, Home News Tribune and Trenton Times on January 14, 2009.
- (3) Was filed on January 14, 2009 at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey, posted on the Township's web site and remains on file for public inspection, and
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

Ms. Marabello led the discussion by stating that she had met with Mr. Jerry Thorne, Public Works Director, concerning his 2009 Proposed Budget. Mr. Thorne erroneously had left out the charges for South Brunswick Sewer and as a result, this year's Budget will be very "tight".

The Township Committee discussed with Mr. Thorne various items in his proposed Budget:

Mr. Stout recommended looking into getting bags for leaf pick-up in the Township and asked that the costs associated with this be analyzed vs. using the Township's leaf machine.

The Township Committee requested Mr. Thorne provide them with the costs associated with watering the Township's ball fields and suggested perhaps the Township look into drilling a well to supply the water instead.

The Township Committee re-visited the discussion of purchasing new police vehicles. Ms. Smeltzer stated she had spoken with the Manager of Westwood as they are using hybrid police vehicles. She reported they are using hybrid SUVs. Mayor Stave asked for a more detailed analysis and Mr. Stout asked for police statistics on repairs and mileage. Mr. Stout also requested Ms. Smeltzer find out if any police departments in Middlesex County are using hybrids.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments: There being no comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

The Township Committee unanimously decided to hold the next On motion by Mr. Stannard, seconded by Mr. Stout and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Kathleen R. Cunningham, Clerk