

A special budget meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of Cranbury was held at 1:15 p.m. in the Township Administrator's Office. Answering present to the roll call were: Township Committee members: Thomas Panconi, Jr., Pari Stave, Richard Stannard, David J. Stout and Mayor Beauregard. Also present were: Frederick C. Carr, Administrator and Denise Marabello. Mayor Beauregard led in the salute to the flag and Mr. Carr gave 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 10, 2005 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 10, 2005.
- (3) Was filed on January 10, 2005 with a Deputy Municipal Clerk at the Cranbury Municipal Office, 23-A North Main Street, Cranbury, New Jersey and remains on file for public inspection, and
- (4) Sent to those individuals who have requested personal notice.

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, Mr. Carr was appointed Deputy Clerk.

The Township Committee members were given an overview of the proposed 2005 Budget by Mr. Carr and Ms. Marabello and then had a general discussion.

Mr. Thomas Witt, Public Works Director presented his proposed budget.

Chief Jay Hansen presented the Police Department and Office of Emergency Management budget. Captain Ed Kahler discussed with the Township Committee the Capital Budget for the new police station.

Cranbury Fire Company members Robert Allen, Charles Smith and Sam DiStasio presented the Fire Company budget and capital budget plan with the Township Committee along with personnel issues and a proposal to replace existing equipment and dispose of the old ladder truck.

Cranbury First Aid Squad members Ed Durner, Elizabeth Krall, Bob Allen and Charles Smith discussed with the Township Committee the First Aid Squad's budget as well as concerns about manning during the day and the Squad's future needs.

Cranbury Parks and Recreation: Beth Veghte, Chairperson of the Recreation Commission and Judy Dossin, Parks Chairperson, along with Ken Jacobs, Recreation Director, discussed with the Township Committee the Recreation budget, status of the playground equipment and plans to update the Recreation Master Plan, bring equipment into compliance, and improve programs. The Township Committee requested that the swings be taken down as soon as possible.

The Township Committee agreed to meet again to discuss the budget on January 24, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Comment

The Mayor opened the meeting to public questions and comments on those items not on the agenda. There being no comments, the Mayor closed the public part of the meeting.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Beauregard updated the Township Committee on her concept for Core Meetings with professionals and staff each Monday. She also updated the Committee on ongoing issues with KHOV conservation easements. She reported that the liaison listing will be reviewed on January 24, 2005, Jim Golubieski has been appointed to the Planning Board as a Class IV Member for a term of three years; Bob Norland is leaving the CHA Board and that she would like the Township Committee to pass a Resolution thanking him for his work. Mayor Beauregard also reported that D&R Greenway will be doing a press release on the Kiesler property acquisition.

The Township Committee discussed moving the February 14th meeting to February 7, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in order to introduce the 2005 Budget.

Mr. Panconi left the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

On motion by Ms. Stave, seconded by Mr. Stannard and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Frederick C. Carr, Deputy Clerk