

April 11, 2018
Municipal Building
121 Evergreen Rd
New Egypt, NJ 08533

The Special Meeting of the Township of Plumsted was called to order by Mayor Jack Trotta at 7:00 PM.

STATEMENT: "This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. It was presented for publication in the Asbury Park Press, Trenton Times and posted on the bulletin board."

The meeting was opened with the flag salute and followed with a moment of silence.

The purpose of the meeting was to adopt the 2018 Budget and other related resolutions.

THOSE OFFICIALS PRESENT WERE:

COMMITTEEMAN LOTITO	COMMITTEEMAN JONES	COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI
DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK	MAYOR TROTTA	CLERK HENDRICKSON
CDC LEUTWYLER		

Also in attendance were Public Safety Director Wendy Galloway, Lt. Jason Reilly and Chief Earl Meroney.

Mayor Trotta said the first item on the agenda was to read Resolution No. 2018-165 which has to do with the adoption of the 2018 Municipal Budget.

Trotta read Resolution No. 2018-165. He read from the budget document the following information: \$2,040,609.59 for Municipal Purposes; \$157,097.84 Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust. The total revenues are \$3,897,960.62. The total appropriations are \$3,897,960.62.

Mayor Trotta did his powerpoint Budget Presentation.

Trotta said the 2018 Budget was introduced at the March 8, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Township Committee do to snow this meeting rescheduled from March 7th. Trotta said the budget information was posted on the website and copies were available at the Municipal Building.

Trotta continued by saying the total budget this year is \$3,897,961.00, 2018's budget is \$394,681.00 more than 2017. Trotta explained when preparing the budget you can only put in grant monies that have already been received. Historically the Township does not receive the Transportation Trust Fund Grant until after the budget is introduced. This year the funding came early so it is included in the 2018 budget.

Salaries for 2018 are \$1,471,139.00, \$31,850.00 more than 2017 this is about 2%. Operating expenses went down \$233,219.00 less than in 2017.

The budget is within the 2% CAP law. The maximum allowed is \$2,097,438.00, the actual is \$2,040,610.00. The tax increase is \$40,012.00, the increase this year is less than a half penny the total 2018 municipal tax rate is \$0.26. The 2018 budget is in compliance with the 2% Tax CAP Levy Law.

Trotta said the average value of a home went up approximately \$600,000.00, An average home taxes would increase approximately \$11.24 in 2018. The Township's tax ratable base went up approximately \$1,093,300 or about 0.139%. Trotta gave comparisons with the average tax rate in the County and the State.

Trotta explained where the tax dollars go that are collected by the Township's Tax Collector's Office. The Township gets just under 10% if the tax dollars collected.

Mayor Trotta opened the Public Hearing on the 2018 Municipal Budget.

There were no public comments. Trotta asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS CLOSED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta asked for a motion to adopt the 2018 Municipal Budget.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-165 ADOPTING THE 2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

RESOLUTIONS:

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-166, AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR THE INSURANCE OPT-OUT PROGRAM FOR 2018, WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-167, – AUTHORIZING JOHN J. MALLON, P.E. TOWNSHIP ENGINEER OF T&M ASSOCIATES AS PROJECT ENGINEER FOR THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANT FY2017 MUNICIPAL AID PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BRYNMORE ROAD AND CEDAR STREET

ON MOTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR SORCHIK, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, RESOLUTION NO. 2018-168 - REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A.40A:4-87, (2018 UDRIVE, UTEXT, UPAY DISTRACTED DRIVING CRACKDOWN GRANT), WAS ADOPTED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

BILL LIST:

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE BILL LIST OF APRIL 11, 2018 WAS APPROVED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES.

Mayor Trotta asked for any public comment.

Lenny Grilletto of 41C Highbridge Road asked, on the Township ratable increase is that based on new construction. Mayor Trotta explained there was no reassessments this year, it would be additions, new construction and things like that. Grilletto asked is there a breakdown, Trotta said there were no reassessments, Grilletto said someone could come in for an appeal. Trotta said that normally goes down not up. Trotta said whatever the changes in the taxable base was is based on those things. There would be some reductions because of appeals and increases because someone added onto their home. Grilletto asked if there was a breakdown, Trotta said no. Trotta told him if he wanted a breakdown he would have the tax assessor give him some information on that. Grilletto thanked Trotta.

There were no additional public comments.

ON MOTION OF COMMITTEEMAN MARINARI, SECONDED BY COMMITTEEMAN JONES, THE SPECIAL MEETING WAS ADJOURNED. ROLL CALL VOTE: ALL AYES

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy J. Hendrickson, RMC
Municipal Clerk