

## **EAST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP COUNCIL**

May 19, 2010

The special joint meeting of the East Windsor Township Council, Hightstown Borough Council and the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:35 p.m. on May 19, 2010.

Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye certified that the meeting was noticed in the Special Corrected Meeting Notice. Notice was sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Township Municipal Building, all on May 6, 2010. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Council Members Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg, Perry Shapiro and Marsha Weinstein. Also present were: Township Manager Alan M. Fisher, Township Attorney David E. Orron and Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye.

Municipal Clerk Debra Sopronyi read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated that adequate notice and posting of the meeting had taken place in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Present were: Mayor Robert Patten, Council President Lawrence Quottrone, Council Members Jeffrey Bond, Isabel McGinty, Dimitri Musing, Walter L. Sikorski and Michael Theokas. Also present was: Municipal Clerk Debra Sopronyi.

President Alice Weisman stated "Written advance notice of this meeting was provided at least 48 hours ago. Such notice provided the time, date and location of this meeting and included the agenda to the extent it was known at time. Notice of this meeting has been prominently posted on the door of the District Administration Building. The notice was faxed to Trenton Times, Windsor Hights Herald and the Trentonian, which are the Board's designated newspapers for such notification. Notice has also been filed with the East Windsor Township Clerk and Hightstown Borough Clerk. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available promptly to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration Building, 384 Stockton Street, Hightstown, New Jersey. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy."

Present were: Board President Alice Weisman, Board Members Robert Laverty (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Paul Connolly, Bruce Ettman, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, Christine Harrington, Susan Lloyd and Kennedy Paul..

Board President Weisman requested that everyone stand for the flag salute.

Mayor Mironov indicated that this meeting is convened pursuant to the process required after the defeat of the East Windsor Regional School District school budget on April 20. This is a mandated process. During the time between the meetings as well as prior to the last public meeting the three bodies exchanged information, reviewed the various materials and had a continuous dialog regarding the budget and issues related thereto.

Mayor Mironov called on the following people who signed up to speak regarding the budget:

Bonnie Crisco of 18 Wendover Road, East Windsor; Hannah Crisco of 18 Wendover Road, East Windsor; Joan Upbin of 518 Dutch Neck Road, East Windsor; Dick Tuliszewski of 10 Taylor Avenue, Hightstown; Terri Tuliszewski of 10 Taylor Avenue, Hightstown; Stu Dulgon of 119 Danbury Court, East Windsor; Lynne Woods of 315 Park Avenue, Hightstown; Amy Gazalen of 40 Brooklawn Drive, East Windsor; Gary Lucas of 14 Maple Avenue, Hightstown, Michael Winkler of 28 Morrsgate Circle, East Windsor; Janice Mastriniano of 15 Leshin Lane, Hightstown; Ellen Murphy of 18 Millstone Drive, East Windsor; Darwin Page of 60 One Mile Road, East Windsor; Pat Laudate, teacher of the Watler C. Black School; Virginio Cavalli of 224 Oak Creek Circle, East Windsor; Thomas Niebojewski of 614 Greenwih Court, East Windsor; Marianne Lewith of 6 Spruce Road, East Windsor; Rachelle St. Phard of 4 Lexington Court; Denis Kenny of 12 Woodland Drive; Joanne Zapicchi of 11 Chambers Court, Robbinsville; Colleen Murphy of 36 Twin Rivers Drive North and David Abalor of 30 Shadowstone Lane, East Windsor

At this time there was a 10 minute recess.

Mayor Mironov stated that at this point there is a resolution to put forward.

Mayor Patten read Hightstown Resolution 2010-133 in its entirety, which mirrored East Windsor Resolution R2010-101.

Hightstown Borough

It was MOVED by QUATTRONE and seconded by SIKORSKI that Hightstown Resolution 2010-133 be adopted.

Councilmember Isabel McGinty thanked the Council Committees for their efforts and reviewed her experience with the School District. She was troubled by the amount of the cuts and felt that it was a mistake to make them. She is going to vote No.

Councilmember Jeffrey Bond stated that the voters have spoken and he commended the Council Committees for their hard work. He felt the cuts were a good compromise and that the system of a failed school budget is horrible since the governing bodies do not have the knowledge of a school budget to make these decisions. He encouraged the public to contact their legislatures to encourage change to the process.

Councilmember Dimitri Musing agreed with Councilmember Bond that the system is broken. He felt there are other ways to cut taxes and he could not vote for more cuts.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Bond, Quattrone, Sikorski and Theokas  
Nays – McGinty, Musing

There being four (4) ayes and two (2) nays, Hightstown Resolution 2010-133 was adopted.

East Windsor Township

Mayor Mironov indicated that East Windsor Resolution R2010-101 was identical to the resolution read in fully by Mayor Patten.

Mayor Mironov recommended that the fourth whereas be modified as follows:  
“**WHEREAS**, these budget adjustments are being made in consultation with the East Windsor Regional School District, and with the concurrence of the Hightstown Borough Council.”

It was MOVED by SHAPIRO and seconded by ROSENBERG that Resolution R2010-101 be adopted as modified.

ROLL CALL: Ayes - Duke, Rosenberg, Shapiro, Weinstein, Mironov  
Nays - None

There being five (5) ayes and no nays, Resolution R2010-101 was adopted as modified.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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CINDY A. DYE  
Municipal Clerk

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JANICE S. MIRONOV  
Mayor