

**MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING**

April 7, 2010

MINUTES

Mayor Barbagallo called the session to order at 3:05 p.m. and indicated that adequate notice has been provided to the New Jersey Herald and The Sunday New Jersey Herald for publication in which notice was given of the date, time, place and general agenda of meetings in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, c. 231.

FLAG SALUTE: All present were asked to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Clerk DeFabiis was asked to call the roll.

Present were: Committeemen Brislin, Ponce, Teufert, Zitone, Mayor Barbagallo and Attorney Garofalo

Absent: None

DISCUSSION ON PENDING SALARY ORDINANCE

Mayor Barbagallo announced that no Salary Ordinance has yet been drawn up, and read an excerpt from the minutes of the prior meeting, indicating considerations as to employees salaries.

Attorney Garofalo explained that all employees were served Rice Notices. Mayor Barbagallo added that if anything is decided that affects an individual, Rice Notices will continue to be served. Regarding the Deputy Clerk increase, he stated that she had been working full time in the capacity of Acting Clerk, and returning to part time will be making between \$75 and \$100 less per week.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Brislin motioned to open to the public. Mr. Ponce seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

Toni-Lu Martin - of the Finance Department felt she should be considered for a higher increase because she passed two courses leading to a CFO degree and has saved the town money. She compared her salary to that of a Treasurer's salary within the County which she stated averages \$40,000. Mayor Barbagallo stated there was not one committee member who wouldn't want her to obtain her CFO degree. Ms. Martin responded that she did not want to go for the CFO license because it is a lot of work and doesn't think the Township should have to pay \$65,000 to \$75,000 per year for a full time CFO, adding that it costs the Township a lot of money to send people to school. She provided the Committee with certificates from her courses.

Mr. Zitone motioned to close to the public. Mr. Brislin seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

Mr. Brislin motioned to enter Executive Session whereafter action may be taken. Mr. Zitone seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS the Township of Montague is authorized, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 to exclude the public from that portion of this meeting for purposes of discussing specific matters as permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and

WHEREAS the Township intends to discuss certain matters which are deemed confidential pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS at this time the Township cannot determine the time when the discussions to be held in Executive Session will be made public, but will disclose the minutes of the Executive Session when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Township Committee of the Township of Montague that this meeting shall be adjourned to an executive session (closed session) and the public will be excluded in order that the Committee may, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-13(a), discuss pending litigation and personnel, and after reconvening this public meeting the Mayor or his designee will announce, if possible, the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in Executive Session will be disclosed to the public. This resolution is authorized and allowed by and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13.

NOW THEREFORE, be it further resolved by the Township Committee that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13(b) the time when and the circumstances under which the discussion conducted in closed session of the public body can be disclosed to the public is when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

EILEEN DEFABIIS, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Upon return from Executive Session, the following salaries were discussed: DPW employee Paul Accardo 2% increase unless the union contract specifies something else; Constables and the method for tracking their time; keeping same salaries with monthly reports; DPW Equipment Operator/Driver Jesse Brace-Revak, 2% with additional positions of Flood Mitigation Director and Emergency Management Deputy Coordinator to remain the same; Linda Kelly, Construction Secretary, 2% increase with Housing Assistant position removed. Mayor Barbagallo indicated the Construction Official asked that the hours be held off until the arrival of the new software programs. Gail Magura, CFO, 2% increase; Toni-Lu Martin, Finance employee, 2% increase, Recycling Coordinator from \$3,000 to \$2,000; Fran Multari, Tax Collector, 2% increase; Melissa Rockwell, Tax Assessor, 2% increase; Donald Stambaugh, Plumbing Inspector; 2% increase; Sharon Tufaro, Zoning Official, 2% increase; Paul Vitz, DWP probationary employee, no increase; Pat Wilcox, 2% increase; Sharon Yarosz, Land Use Administrator, 2% increase.

ADJOURN

Mr. Zitone motioned to adjourn. Mr. Brislin seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

EILEEN DEFABIIS, RMC
Municipal Clerk