

BOROUGH OF WESTVILLE
Special Council Meeting
114 Crown Point Road
March 16, 2009

A special meeting was called to order by Mayor Russell Welsh on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was opened with the salute and pledge of allegiance to the flag.

The Clerk read the opening statement.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Welsh, Council Members Ledrich, Baker, Pennington, Muhlbaier, Rebel and Murtaugh.

Also Present: Administrator Bittner and Municipal Clerk Helder.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

A lengthy presentation on the 2009 School Budget for Gateway Regional High School District was given by Joyce Stumpo, Superintendent, and Bruce Finkle, School Business Administrator. Mrs. Stumpo advised that funding from the State is exactly the same amount as last year. She further advised that no current programs are being cut from the curriculum. Mr. Finkle discussed the capital area of the budget, advising that this budget is less than last year's budget. The actual tax rate increase for Westville is 3.3% which is less than last year's increase. The increase is 5.57 cents more than last year which would amount to approximately \$49.00 per average household per year. The election will be held on April 21, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in Parkview School. They then thanked the Governing Body for their time and support.

RESOLUTION #48-2009 Introducing the 2009 Budget. (Res. Bk. 19)

The Administrator discussed the budget. He advised that State Aid for Westville was reduced by \$2,400. There will be no local purpose tax increase.

Councilman Murtaugh made a motion to approve the resolution and Councilman Baker made a second. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The Clerk advised that the public hearing for the Borough of Westville 2009 Municipal Budget will be held on April 22, 2009.

The Governing Body discussed the 2009 School Budget and the proposed County-wide revaluation program.

A letter from the TRICOJIF regarding the 2008 Safety Award Program money was discussed. The Administrator advised that the \$2,500 Safety money has to be done by voucher and documentation must be kept to support what this money is spent for. The other money, \$2,475.00, is a special award in recognition of employee safety efforts and must be used for safety oriented employee recognition purposes such as a luncheon or dinner, not the purchase of any safety equipment. Documentation must also be kept to support what this money is used for. Councilman Murtaugh made a motion to take a check now instead of waiting for reimbursement. Councilman Pennington made a second, and the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Louanna Sills, 303 Edgewater Avenue, discussed a \$1,740.00 art and environmental education grant project sponsored by the County. She requested a \$435.00 stipend from the Borough to participate in the grant, which will be returned to the Borough by the end of the year.

Virginia Horn, 111 Twedell Avenue, discussed the environmental grant. She advised that the County gives you 75% of the project money up front and holds 25% back until the final project report is submitted.

Mayor Welsh advised that any type of grant has to be approved by the Governing Body before it can be applied for. This matter was discussed at length and will be presented at the next Council meeting for approval.

LIST OF BILLS:

The Clerk read the following bill:

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
17709	Winner Ford of Cherry Hill	\$60,236.00

Councilman Baker made a motion to pay the bill and Councilman Pennington made a second. Motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Baker discussed the cameras in the park and changing the town clock time due to daylight savings.

With no further business to come before the meeting, Councilman Pennington made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Baker made a second which was approved by unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine A. Helder
Municipal Clerk