

The Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset, New Jersey, was called to order by the Mayor at 6:09 p.m.

Mayor Levine read the following statement: “In accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, be advised that adequate notice of this Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Franklin, County of Somerset was made by the posting on the bulletin board at the Municipal Complex and transmitted to the officially designated newspapers, indicating that this Special Meeting would take place at the Franklin Township Municipal Complex at 6:00 p.m. on May 11, 2009. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the Office of the Municipal Clerk.”

Everyone present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Township Clerk called the roll.

Present: Ms. Danile (arrived at 6:19 p.m.), Mr. Eberle, Ms. Francois (arrived at 6:22 p.m.), Deputy Mayor Glicklich, Mayor Levine, Mr. Mettler, Mr. Prasad

Absent: Mr. Sumter, Mr. Vassanella

Also present: Leslie G. London, Township Attorney, Kenneth W. Daly, Township Manager, Ann Marie McCarthy, Township Clerk

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Motion was made by Deputy Mayor Glicklich and seconded by Mr. Prasad to open the meeting for public discussion. Said motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Nora Breen, 63 Hollywood Avenue, Second Chance for Animals, expressed the organization's concern regarding personnel cuts of 50% to the Animal Shelter.

Theodore Chase, 159 Old Georgetown Road, spoke of the budget decreases and the possible layoffs of 20 full-time employees. He spoke of a rumor stating the unions were willing to make budget decreases but the Township Manager was not willing to meet with unions. Mr. Daly responded to Mr. Chase denying the rumors. Mr. Chase expressed his concerns that these layoffs will impact the services provided by the municipality. He further added the Township government will not be able to function properly or efficiently.

Phillip Kramer, 429 Canal Road, stated the Township does not have enough money and the unions are willing to negotiate. He spoke of the rumor that all unions are not sharing equally and they should be. He noted Council has some difficult decisions to make.

Ms. Danile arrived at the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Daly apologized to Mr. Chase. He reported he has met with all the unions and some have offered give backs. In response to Mr. Kramer, all the non-Police unions are affected. He stated the Police have been affected with the reduction of 8 police officers from the force by attrition. In response to Second Chance for Animals, he replied there are ways to address this situation.

Ms. Francois arrived at the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

There being no comments from the public, a motion was made by Mr. Mettler to close the meeting for public discussion. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Prasad and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Levine presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 (b) (1-9), Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the Public from a meeting under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Franklin is of the opinion that such circumstances do exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Franklin in the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- 1 The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters;
- 2 The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows: *FY2010 Municipal Budget/Personnel; Collective Bargaining/Contract Negotiations.*
- 3 The Township Council may take official action on those items discussed in Executive Session upon completion of the Execution Session.
- 4 The minutes of the discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature.
- 5 This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The aforesaid resolution was moved by Deputy Mayor Glicklich, seconded by Mr. Prasad and carried as follows upon call of the roll:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Danile	Eberle			Sumter	Vassanella
Francois	Glicklich				
Levine	Mettler				
Prasad					

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. Mayor and Council returned to open session at 7:55 p.m. upon motion by Deputy Mayor Glicklich. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Prasad and carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Mayor Levine announced that they discussed the following during Executive Session: *FY2010 Municipal Budget/Personnel; Collective Bargaining/Contract Negotiations.*

The minutes of these discussions shall be made available to the public as soon as the matters under discussion are no longer of a confidential or sensitive nature. The Personnel matter was not discussed and was tabled to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Ms. Danile, seconded by Mr. Mettler and unanimously approved, meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Approved: *As Submitted.*

Brian D. Levine, Mayor

Date: *July 14, 2009*

Ann Marie McCarthy, Township Clerk