

**WORK SESSION  
MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2008  
DELRAN, NJ**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Hermansky, Mr. Paris and Mr. Chinnici.

**ALSO, PRESENT:** Mayor Stellwag, Mr. Hatcher, Administrator and Ms. Eggers, Municipal Clerk.

**SUNSHINE STATEMENT:** Be advised that proper notice has been given by the Township Council in accordance with the sunshine law in the following manner. Notice mailed to the Burlington County Times and Camden Courier Post on December 21, 2006 and posted on the bulletin board on the same date.

**2008 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Mr. Hatcher stated that the biggest increases in the budget this year came from the following categories:

- PERS AND PFRS increased \$126,224 which is about 35% of the total increase this year
- An equal amount is salaries and wage increase
- Other increases include trash collection, reimbursements to apartment complexes for trash collection, street lighting, water, debt service, and reserve for uncollected taxes which equals a little under \$200,000

Mr. Hatcher reported that at this time we are below the spending cap and approximately \$160,000 above the tax levy cap. We had a drop in revenue last year of approximately \$55,000 from Municipal Court and \$77,000 from Construction Code. Without these drops we would be right at the tax levy cap. With the drops in revenue, we have to make up the \$160,000 from the revenue end or cut from the appropriations.

Mr. Paris questioned why under certain miscellaneous categories we budgeted high amounts last year and they were not expended and we leaving those amounts the same or increasing for this year.

Mr. Hermansky asked if the number provided and up to date.

Mr. Hatcher asked Mr. Paris which line items he was referring to and stated that he has provided Council with the most up to date information. The only line item that may not be current is gasoline because Riverside is behind in billing.

Mr. Paris asked what is budgeted under the Mayor and Council miscellaneous line item.

Mr. Hatcher stated those funds are for the Girls and Boys State and other items that do not have line items.

## **PLANNING OPERATING EXPENSES**

Mr. Paris asked why when in 2007 we budgeted \$1,000 under miscellaneous and only spent \$370 are we budgeting \$1250 for 2008.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he does not have the specifics and he would get Council that information.

## **UNIFORM COUNSTRUCTION CODE**

Mr. Paris stated that in 2007 under miscellaneous we budgeted \$4,000 and only spent \$12.00 and for 2008, we are again budgeting \$4,000.

Mr. Hermansky stated that if you refer to that section of the book it states that the increases are to cover the rising cost of supplies and service.

Mr. Paris stated that if we are close to a recession then we should look at where we can make cut and that is where he is at this year.

Mr. Macey stated that he is not concerned if the money is not spent because it goes back into surplus but feels that there should be an explanation as to why a department wants \$4,000 for miscellaneous items.

Mr. Paris stated that if the money was not spent then there was no need for it then why should it be budgeted again.

## **STREETS AND ROADS**

Mr. Paris stated that in 2007 under miscellaneous we budgeted \$13,000 and only spent \$9,000 and for 2008, we budgeted \$13,000. He feels that there are a lot of miscellaneous categories where in 2007 we did not come close to spending what was budgeted and we are again budgeting the same.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we must look at the total budget also. Under Streets and Roads, the total budget was for \$138,188 and we spent \$166,868 do to the increase in Salt, sand and calcium. If we reduce miscellaneous, we would go over in other areas.

Mr. Paris asked if we set the budget at a certain amount can Council be notified when we get close to limit so they can decided whether they want to carry on projects.

Mr. Macey asked if Mr. Paris means that we should shut down engineering after nine months if we reach the limit.

Mr. Paris stated that in 2007 under Township Engineer, \$45,800 was budgeted and we spent \$63,719 and he would like to know when we reach the budgeted amount.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he did notify Council and they stopped projects.

Mr. Paris stated that for Engineering, he did notify them but other areas were exceeded.

Mr. Macey asked if Mr. Hatcher could breakdown the approximately \$200,000 salary increase that he discussed by departments.

Mr. Paris stated that on page eleven of the budget packet that in 2007 we budget \$15,000 for capital improvements and spent \$50,000.

Mr. Hatcher stated that that number is incorrect.

Mr. Paris asked why for 2008, we budgeted \$35,000 for capital improvements.

Mr. Hatcher stated that is down payment money for capital improvement projects. We are down to about \$2,000 in the fund. This money is for Haines Mill Road, handicap ramp, and this years capital items.

Mr. Hermansky stated that last year we had excess money in the fund that carried over that is why only \$15,000 was budgeted.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the \$30,000 was suggested to help rebuild the fund, that amount would bond \$1.5 million.

Mr. Macey stated that he would like to see us not spend that amount this year. He also stated that the reconstruction of Jacqueline Avenue and other roads were approved and the down payment money was funded in last year's budget but we still need to bond the money. He stated that with \$30,000 down payment money, we can bond \$1.5 million, but our debt extinguishment every year is approximately \$800,000. We continue to borrow more than we pay off.

Mr. Hatcher stated that on page 11 there is \$48,500 budgeted for note principal. That amount depends on whether Council wants to move forward with permanent financing. If we do permanent financing this year, we can save that amount because we would not have to pay down the note.

Mr. Paris asked what \$5,000 under Salary Adjustment on page eleven was budgeted for. In 2007, we budgeted \$5,000 and spent \$3,317 and we budgeted \$31,000 for 2008.

Mr. Hatcher stated that all of our contracts are up this year and that is where some of the money is for those contracts.

Mr. Hermansky stated that if we budgeted \$16,000 we could bond approximately \$800,000 which is what we pay off every year.

Mr. Macey stated he wants everyone to understand that we need snow removal and leaf pick-up but it is hard to keep up with road repair when we have expenses for police and public works equipment.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OPERATING EXPENSES**

Mr. Paris questioned what is under contracted services.

Mr. Hatcher stated that all contracts fall under this department for copiers, software and hardware.

Mr. Paris stated that we exceed the budget last year by \$5,000. This year we are budgeting \$23,000.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the costs for the different contracts are \$23,000. The Mayor asked for a 5% reduction last year and some departments can not take that cut.

Mr. Paris stated that we exceeded paper and supplies by \$1500, equipment by \$200 and miscellaneous by \$600. The overall budget was exceeded by \$8,000.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we exceeded the budget because of the 5% reduction last year and if we don't budget it this year we will over again.

Mr. Paris stated that he has no problem with the contractual costs.

Mr. Hermansky stated that the cost of gasoline drives the cost of everything up.

Mr. Paris stated is that what does not make sense is that the total budget for this section in 2007 was \$50,900 and we expended \$57,220 and we are budgeting \$55,950 for 2008. He would like to know when line items are close to exceeding what was budgeted.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we do notify Council and that is why we do transfer resolutions at the end of the year because we can not over expend.

Mr. Hermansky asked that if for the next time we meet we can get a detail of the miscellaneous categories to make to easier.

## **MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

Mr. Paris stated that he would like to see a select few attend the League of Municipalities Convention every year and alternate member of Council. He also suggested that they do not stay over night but drive back and forth.

Mr. Macey stated that last year half of Council did not attend the convention.

Mr. Paris stated that that is why there was a difference of \$2200.

Mr. Paris asked what falls under dues and memberships.

Mr. Hatcher stated that is membership to the League of Municipalities which has nothing to do with the convention.

Mr. Paris asked why when in 2007, there was \$1250 budget and they only spent \$576 are we leaving it at \$1250.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they left it at what was budget last year and it is up to Council to discuss.

Mr. Paris stated that under public relation we budgeted in 2007 \$11,000 and spent \$7900. Mr. Paris asked what falls under that section.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Welcome to signs, the newsletter and website fall under public relations. It is up to Council if they want to continue with the signs.

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. asked if Council received a salary increase this year.

Mr. Hatcher stated that that would be up to Council but it is not in this budget.

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. asked Mr. Paris how he feels about the topic.

Mr. Paris stated that he does not need an increase.

Mr. Ogozalek, Sr. suggested it be donated back to the town. Mr. Paris agreed.

Mr. Paris stated that he is okay with the rest of page one.

## **TREASURER OPERATING EXPENSES**

Mr. Paris stated that in 2007, \$285 was budgeted for dues and memberships and we expended \$0.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he does not know why that was not spent.

Mr. Paris stated that under conference, travel and training in 2007, \$1425 was budget and only \$ 656 was spent.

Mr. Hatcher stated that every two years you need to be recertified and in some years, they spend less.

Mr. Paris stated that under supplies, \$992 was budgeted and \$255 was spent for 2007. Programming \$950 was budgeted and \$0 was spent and we are budgeting \$900 for 2008. Under miscellaneous \$942 was budgeted and \$475 was spent.

Mr. Hatcher stated that most of the time the miscellaneous is used for things that Council asks for or things that state requires that does not have a line item.

### **ASSESSOR OPERATING EXPENSES**

Mr. Paris asked why in 2007 did we budget \$500 for miscellaneous and expend \$3,466.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he believes that cost was for an expert that Council authorized Mr. Davis to hire to a tax appeal.

### **PLANNING S&W**

Mr. Macey asked about the increase in salary of \$7,000 in one year. He asked if that is a real number at this point.

Mr. Paris asked whose salaries is that?

Mr. Hatcher stated that is Lynn Curry. Her title has changed and there was a salary change.

Mr. Hermansky stated that last year she took some time off and that is why there was a reduction last year.

Mr. Paris stated that the increase in salary is 25%.

Mr. Macey stated that she is part of the CWA.

Mr. Macey questioned the legal services.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they are contracted legal services.

Mr. Paris asked why we are budgeting \$15,000.

Mr. Hermansky stated that they are billing us at the end of the jobs and feels some of the bills come in late.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Planning Board requested that amount and it is mostly for Master Plan updates.

Mr. Macey asked if we have a master plan update coming up this year.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they requested that on an annual base we should be updating the master plan.

Mr. Paris asked if we could have Mr. Bozarth bill on monthly base.

Mr. Chinnici stated that Mr. Macey made a comment on taking some money out of that line.

Mr. Macey stated that he would like to take some money out of the master plan line.

Mr. Chinnici stated that we should take it out of the legal and master plan.

Mr. Paris stated that we should take it out of all three.

Mr. Macey stated that the legal line is Mr. Bozarth's time. He asked Mr. Hatcher to give them what that line item has been the last couple of years. He would like to knock that line item down.

Mr. Hermansky asked if they could get an average over the last five years.

Mr. Macey stated that he is curious what the \$9300 was that was spent under the master plan. He knows that the planning board is constantly updating the master plan.

Mr. Paris asked if we need to budget \$15,000 every year

Mr. Chinnici stated that he would knock it down to \$10,000. Mr. Paris agreed.

Mr. Chinnici stated that under Planner we have the same issue. We budgeted \$15,000 and only spent \$1500.

Mr. Hatcher asked what they wanted to budget.

Mr. Macey stated \$10,000.

## **TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR**

Mr. Paris we budgeted \$90,000 and spent \$78,260. He asked if all the bills are in.

Mr. Hatcher stated that as far as he knows all the bills are in.

Mr. Paris questioned why we are budgeting another \$90,000.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the last couple of years we were right at that number.

Mr. Paris stated that he would like to knock it down to \$80,000.

Mr. Macey stated that we are facing litigation with the Myers Tract.

## **ASSESSOR**

Mr. Paris stated that under data line, we budgeted \$3000 and spent \$0 and this year we are budgeting \$4300.

Mr. Hatcher stated that that line allows the Assessor to access the county system and we do not believe that we were billed lat year.

## **ZONING OFFICER S&W**

Mr. Paris asked if that salary is contractual.

Mr. Hatcher it is not contractual.

Mr. Paris questioned miscellaneous. We budgeted \$1000 and spent \$51. This year we are budgeting \$1200.

Mr. Hermansky stated that Mr. Hatcher is getting us more information on the miscellaneous.

## **UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE**

Mr. Paris stated that under miscellaneous we budgeted \$4000 and spent \$12. This year we again budgeted \$4,000.

Mr. Macey stated that it is not money spent.

Mr. Hermansky stated that after we make these cuts we may not save any money.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the explanation is included in the budget packet and it is up to them whether they want to cut.

Mr. Paris feels that we should budget what they are spending.

Mr. Macey stated that we should cut zoning miscellaneous to \$100. Council agreed.

Mr. Paris questioned Uniform Construction Code salaries. He asked how many employees that covers.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it cover the Construction Code Official, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Fire Sub-Code, and two clerical employees. He also stated that this line item has gone down over the last couple of years. With the exception of Mr. McCurley at other inspectors are hourly, so as construction goes down so does the salaries.

Mr. Macey stated he would like to take the miscellaneous down to \$1,000 under uniform construction. Council agreed.

## **GROUP INSURANCE**

Mr. Macey asked if the \$756,696 spent last year is a real number.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he put those and we the real numbers become available he makes adjustment. He will be decrease health by \$25,000 and prescription by \$10,000.

Mr. Paris asked what the reason is for the decrease.

Mr. Hatcher stated that contracts are not up until July and as if gets closure we can be more accurate.

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Macey asked why under S&W is the Police Salary F/T \$3,146,264 and the total \$3,061,565.

Mr. Hatcher stated that there was a transfer out of that account.

Mr. Macey asked where it was transferred.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he could get that information.

Mr. Macey asked if the \$2,618,014 was what was spent.

Mr. Hatcher stated that that was what they had when they put this together.

Mr. Macey asked if the was the final number.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the final number was \$2,900,134.

Mr. Paris questioned the line item for maintenance agreement.

Chief Parente stated that it is contractual.

Mr. Paris stated that the Chief reduced the police budget by 5% or almost \$15,000 which is not included.

Chief Parente stated that they were asked to present to budgets. One was to be a 5% reduction over last year. He does not know what the Mayor put in the budget.

Mr. Hermansky stated that the Mayor put in what the Chief asked for not the 5% reduction.

Mr. Macey stated that if the Chief feels that he can reach those numbers than he is all for the cuts.

Mr. Hatcher asked if Council wanted to make those cuts. Council agreed on those cuts.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Mr. Chinnici questioned the O&E which last year was \$5,700 and only \$928 was spent. This year we are budgeting \$5,700 again.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we never got an explanation.

Mr. Chinnici asked Mr. Hatcher to find out what the line item is for.

Mr. Macey stated that if we did not get an answer make it \$1,000. Council agreed.

## **STREETS & ROADS**

Mr. Macey asked about the salt, sand and calcium.

Mr. Hatcher stated that a majority of what was spent was reimbursed which will not happen this year.

Mr. Paris stated that if we budgeted \$16,388 and spent \$53,926 and this year we are budgeting \$20,010 and the winter is almost over.

Mayor Stellwag stated that this covers the next couple of months plus November and December.

Mr. Paris stated that under miscellaneous last year we budgeted \$13,000 and spent \$9,293. This year we are budgeting \$13,000 again.

Mr. Hermansky stated that they moved a lot of items from one line item to another. He does not see anything under miscellaneous.

## **RECYCLING**

Mr. Paris asked why we are budgeting \$9,000 for dumpsters when last year we budgeted \$200 and spent \$0.

Mr. Hatcher stated that that is one of the items that were charged to miscellaneous.

Mr. Paris asked about Gas Oil Parts. Last year we budgeted \$6500 and spent \$7,908, this year we are budgeting \$19,500.

Mr. Hatcher stated that is explained under the recycling.

Mr. Hermansky stated that he is just moving things around to the right category.

Mr. Hatcher stated that last year when we had the issues with miscellaneous he asked the departments to try to create line items and that is what they are doing.

Mr. Macey asked what is Recycling S&W?

Mr. Hatcher stated that a few years ago recycling was outside the cap and we identified how many employees fall under that category. The state no longer has recycling outside the cap so it no longer matters whether they are under recycling or streets and roads. This salary is for four public works employees.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Mr. Paris stated that we are budgeting \$30,000 and last year spent \$25,000.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it is a contract and we do not know what the new contract will cost.

## **MAINTENANCE OF PARKS**

Mr. Paris asked under Parks/Lime, Grass Seed why we budgeted \$14,000 when last we spent \$6,388.

Mr. Hatcher stated that there is an explanation in that section of the book.

## **HEALTH**

Mr. Paris asked who is Health and what do they do.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Janette falls under Health. She is an employee in the Clerk's office who issues dog licenses and other various licenses.

Mr. Paris stated isn't that Dog Regulation Salary.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Dog Regulation Salary is for Animal Control.

## **RECREATION**

Mr. Macey asked why the summer program came in so much lower than what was budgeted.

Mr. Hatcher stated that he does not know why.

## **STREET LIGHTING**

Mr. Paris questioned why we increased the budget by 10% this year.

Mr. Hatcher stated we will be taking over the street lighting in the Grande.

## **TELEPHONE**

Mr. Paris questioned this line item.

Mr. Macey stated that it is contractual. We have a provider.

## **WATER**

Mr. Macey questioned the increase under water. He asked if they raised the fees.

Mr. Hatcher stated that they have increased their fees and we used a lot of water in the spring.

Mr. Macey asked if that is watering the fields.

Mr. Hatcher stated that yes it is watering the grounds.

Mr. Macey asked how much of that includes this building.

Mr. Hatcher stated not that much. The only one we do not pay for is Summerhill because we installed wells.

Mr. Macey asked if it is feasible to install wells.

Mr. Hatcher stated that we do not have that many large fields.

Mr. Macey stated that he was thinking about Don Deutsch.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Notre Dame may be better because we have three different fields.

Mr. Hermansky stated that we would need to find out what the costs would be to install the wells.

Mr. Macey would like to know how much we spend on each field.

#### **MUNICIPAL COURT S&W**

Mr. Paris questioned the increase in salary.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the Deputy Court Administrator retired and we hired a new one. There are paying out about two months of sick time.

#### **SOLID WASTE SERVICES TO APARTMENTS**

Mr. Paris stated that last year we budgeted \$100,000 and spent \$89,771. This year we are budgeting \$110,000.

Mr. Macey asked if that \$89,000 was a real number.

Mr. Hatcher stated we have to reimburse Tenby Towne and Hunter's Glen for trash collection and Hunter's Glen went up this year. We do not have the last bill form Tenby so last years number will go up.

#### **RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES**

Mr. Paris asked how you figure that number out.

Mr. Hatcher stated that that number can't be figured out until we are finished with the budget and we review the revenues. You take the total appropriations,

estimate the total you think the school will need, estimate the total that the county will need, take the total that the Fire District will need, you add them all up then take out the revenues you receive from other sources then subtract that number then divide by the percentage of your collections then you subtract that number from the original number and that is your reserve.

Mr. Paris asked if that reserve gets transferred over the following year.

Mr. Hatcher stated that is where the majority of our surplus comes from.

Mr. Macey stated that that is because we continuously collect 99%.

Mr. Hatcher stated that over the last five years the amount of money we have on hand is less and less. We are asking the school board on a quarterly basis for time on sending them their money.

Mr. Hermansky asked Mr. Hermansky if he would give out new copies of the budget with an additional line for Council.

Mr. Hatcher asked to go over the cuts that Council made.

He asked Council if they wanted to cut Public Relations. Mr. Hatcher stated that this budget is mostly for signs.

Mr. Paris recommended only purchasing two small signs.

Mr. Macey stated that would cut \$4,000 from the Public Relations budget. Council agreed.

Mr. Paris stated that we should cut the League of Municipalities to three people.

Mr. Macey stated that the people are going to the League may not be at this table.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the other cuts made tonight by Council are Planner, Master Plan and Contracted Legal Services under Planning OE are being cut from \$15,000 to \$10,000. Miscellaneous under Zoning is being reduced to \$100 from \$1,000. Miscellaneous under Uniform Construction is being reduced to \$1,000 from \$4,000. Health Insurance will be cut by \$25,000 and Prescription by \$10,000. There will be a \$14,600 reduction in the Police OE.

Chief Parente stated that he would like clarify those cuts. They cut the training budget in half. He asked Council if they looked at what was cut.

Mr. Macey stated that they are going off of his recommendation.

Mayor Stellwag stated that those cuts are not what the Chief requested, that is the 5% reduction that he asked for.

Mr. Hermansky asked the Chief to take a look at where he can cut.

Mr. Paris stated that we have a Technical Assistant position that is vacant.

Mr. Hatcher stated that the position has been filled.

Mr. Hatcher stated that Emergency Management is down to \$1,000.

Mr. Hatcher asked Council if they are leaving Capital Improvements at \$30,000.

Mr. Macey recommended \$15,000.

Mr. Hatcher stated that \$15,000 would only bond \$300,000.

Mr. Macey stated that the number should be \$37,500 to bond \$750,000 which is about how much we extinguish each year.

## **CAPITAL BUDGET**

Mr. Hatcher stated that there is one item that is not on the list which is the Emergency Squad has asked for their door to be repaired. Mr. Hatcher will get an estimate.

### **Clerk's Office**

Recording Equipment – This will be for the Court Room. Council agreed

Postage Machine – Will be charged to an existing ordinance.

### **Finance**

Printer – \$3,100 Council agreed

### **Police**

Patrol Cars – Covered under Operating Expenses

Various Weapon Replacements \$29,717 - Council agreed

Gun Cleaner and Radar Unit \$19,475.00 – Council agreed

### **Animal Control**

Equipment \$961 is not a Capital item

Lap Top \$1,500 – Council agreed

These items will be shared between the three towns.

### **Tax Assessor**

CAMA Software \$1,300

Mr. Chinnici asked if he is required to have that software.

Mr. Hatcher stated that it will make it a little easier when he is out in the field.

Mr. Paris asked if he would be able to use this equipment for other towns where he works.

Mr. Hermansky requested that Mr. Hatcher get that information and they can discuss these items at the next meeting.

### **Streets and Roads**

Mr. Hatcher stated that he is asking to replace a 15 year old pick-up. Council agreed.

Replace carpet in the Municipal Building \$28,000. This would not be in the offices. Council does not want this done this year.

Sprayer \$6,000 – Council agreed

Backstop/Basketball Backboards \$5,800 – Council agreed

Mr. Hermansky asked that we get a list of the equipment

### **Building & Grounds**

Insulate Pole Barn \$10,000 – The building is heated to heat the vehicles and not the building. Council would like to get an analysis of what this would save.

### **Court**

Recording Equipment \$6,271 - To be shared with Planning and Zoning and Clerk. Council agreed

### **Delran Emergency Squad**

Replacement Ambulance \$76,434

Mr. Hermansky asked Mr. Hatcher to have the Emergency Squad for information on their vehicles.

Mr. Macey asked for a total on all the Capital Items discussed tonight and also all the other items included in Capital.

Mr. Paris asked if we wanted to set up another budget meeting.

Council agreed to meet on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m.

## **PUBLIC PORTION**

A resident asked once the budget is adopted is that the budget that drives the property taxes. Mr. Hermansky stated that it is one portion. There is also the county, school and fire district. The resident asked what the difference is between this year and last year's budget. Mr. Macey stated \$650,000 on expenditures. The resident asked what the tax increase would be. Mr. Macey stated that our share of the tax increase would be approximately \$100.

A resident asked what percentage of the total tax dollars in the municipal portion. Mr. Hatcher stated about 18% is the municipal share. The resident asked how much of that is discretionary. Mr. Hatcher stated that he could give that number when they are done with the budget but he believes about 10% which is the operating expenses.

A resident asked what if the state came down and stated that our expenditures had to remain flat next year what would the township do? Mr. Macey stated that we would lay people off. Services would be affected. The resident asked if the towns are talking about consolidation. Mr. Hatcher stated that it is always discussed but they do not see much of a savings with full consolidation.

A resident asked that in 2006 and 2007 Delran came up with \$434,000 in new taxes. Mr. Hatcher stated that last year Delran gained \$56,000.

A resident asked about the Chief's new Tahoe. Mr. Hatcher stated that that is the Fire District. The resident questioned why the Fire District is asking the township for a new ambulance. Mr. Hermansky stated the squad requested two ambulances one from the township and one from the Fire District. Mr. Macey stated that we are paying for half of one of the ambulances and Riverside is paying the other half.

A resident asked if we could get a report on what was expended last year plus a 5% increase.

A resident asked if we are at 100% of pension contribution. Mr. Hatcher stated that we are at 80% for PERS and 100% for PFRS.

Frank DiLuzio asked why our taxes are so much more than other states.

A resident stated Philadelphia has an energy policy that have to follow. He sees that Delran does not because there are fans on when it is freezing outside. The resident asked about the total cost for energy. Mr. Hatcher stated that it is about \$180,000. Mr. Paris stated that we should take a look at lighting on the fields.

A resident stated that we should look into solar power.

A resident stated that in Philadelphia the temperature can not exceed 70 degrees in winter. Mr. Hermansky stated it is not an easy solution.

Mr. Paris stated that he would like to know when we get close to exceeding the budget. As far as Mr. Bozarth, Mr. Paris should like to have him bill monthly. Mr. Hatcher will look into the contract.

Mr. Hermansky stated that issues should come before Council before Mr. Paris asks Mr. Hatcher to contact the Engineer on certain issues.

A resident asked about the website and if that is part of the budget. He feels that it should be updated. He asked why we are heating vehicles. Mr. Hatcher stated that certain vehicles have water in them and need to be heated.

**TOWNSHIP OF DELRAN  
RESOLUTION 2008-13**

**CLOSED MEETING RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. (Open Public Meeting Act) provides for the exclusion of the public from public meeting for certain reasons; and **WHEREAS**, it is necessary to close the conference meeting of February 20, 2008 for the following reason:

1. DPA Contract Negotiations

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting is closed for the reasons above in accordance with the Open Public Meeting act.

Mr. Macey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Paris to adopt Resolution 2008-20.

There being no questions the roll was called.

Mr. Macey, Mr. Ogozalek, Sr., Mr. Paris, Mr. Hermansky , and Mr. Chinnici voted aye.

Ayes: 5

Nays: None

Motion Approved

At this time, Council went into closed session and stated that they will reopen after they have finished their discussion.

Mr. Paris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Macey to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Submitted,

Jamey Eggers  
Municipal Clerk

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