

**NORTH HANOVER TOWNSHIP
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP
MARCH 5, 2016, 9:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER Mayor Durr called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Led by Mayor Durr

ROLL CALL: Mayor Durr
Deputy Mayor Butler
Committeeman Delorenzo
Committeeman Kocubinski
Committeeman O'Donnell

Also Present: Deputy Township Clerk Alexandra DeGood and Treasurer Joseph Greene

SUNSHINE STATEMENT: “The provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notice of this meeting has been transmitted by email to the Courier Post, Burlington County Times and The Trenton Times as well as given to those having requested same and posted on the Township bulletin board located in the foyer of the municipal building”.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Mayor Durr opened the meeting for public comment.

Al Dempster – Larrison Road – Mr. Dempster informed the Township Committee about the new initiative regarding a referendum for the Northern Burlington School District.

Ralph Ruocco – 101 Chesterfield-Arneytown Road – Mr. Ruocco discussed the costs of the referendum and stated this was a lot of money and would affect our taxes. He asked for consideration of this when approving the municipal budget. He believes there should be budgetary considerations to continue the fight with the pipeline. He inquired as to the surplus amount in the budget. Mayor Durr gave a brief explanation on the deferred school tax. Mr. Ruocco inquired about the road improvement program. Mayor Durr gave a brief explanation on the bonding and discussed the low prices that are coming in. He stated that Provinceline Road was not on the program. Mr. Ruocco just asked for consideration to the taxpayers in regards to the budget.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT
Proposed By: Committeeman DeLorenzo
Seconded By: Committeeman O'Donnell

BUDGET WORKSHOP
Deputy Clerk DeGood passed out budget worksheets for the Township Committee to follow and review each line item in the potential 2016 Budget. Mayor Durr announced that review would be done of the budget and revenue's. He noted the revenue part is informational only and the review would be on the expenditures. He stated Treasurer Joseph Greene would review each line. Mr. Greene stated the budget was for \$3,100,000.00. This includes an increase in spending of \$127,000.00. Mr. Greene reviewed the line items. There was discussion regarding the newsletter and it was decided to budget \$300.00 in that line item. OIC Duff reviewed various items in the police department budget and the capital needs. Mayor Durr also discussed the capital need at the firehouse. Fire Chief Palombi also had input. There was a general consensus to move \$1,600 from holiday/celebrations to the Township Attorney line and \$1,500 from Generator Propane to Township Attorney line. The funding for the firearms for the police department is in place. There was a general consensus to go out for a BAN to cover capital projects. The treasurer will explore options with the CFO and report back. There was a general consensus to have another budget hearing with the CFO to answer additional budgetary discussions. This meeting will take place within the week. There was a brief review of the revenue. Committeeman Kocubinski expressed concerns over the school deferral. Mayor Durr stated the CFO will have to attend and explain.

MOTION TO ADJOURN
Proposed By: Deputy Mayor Butler
Seconded By: Committeeman DeLorenzo

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 11:33 PM
Respectively submitted,

Mary Picariello
Acting Township Clerk