

MINUTES FOR
MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING
April 28, 2010

1. Montgomery Township Committee met at the Municipal Building, 2261 Van Horne Road, Belle Mead, NJ at 8:00 a.m. on the above date. Those present were:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE: Mayor Caliguire, Deputy Mayor Dyer, Committeemembers Fay and Carter
Committeewoman Wilson was absent

Also present were:

TOWNSHIP SPECIAL COUNSEL - Thomas Cafferty, Esq.

TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR - Donato Nieman

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER - Walter Sheppard

DEPUTY TOWNSHIP CLERK - Marge Crawford

2. Mayor Caliguire stated the following: "Under the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of the time and place of this meeting has been posted and sent to the officially designated newspapers."

3. **APPOINTMENTS TO SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE**

BE IT RESOLVED That the following people are appointed to the School Budget Review Sub-Committee:

Mayor Mark Caliguire
Committeeman Brad Fay
Mark Conforti
Bill Hyncik
Tom Wilson
Lisa Youngberg
Donato Nieman, Township Administrator
Walter Sheppard, Chief Finance Officer
Thomas Cafferty, Special Counsel
Peter Martin, Special Auditor

- 3-1. Committeeman Carter moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion was seconded by Deputy Mayor Dyer and carried on the following:

ROLL CALL - Ayes - Dyer, Fay, Carter, Caliguire
Nays - None
Absent - Wilson

- 3-2. Mayor Caliguire stated that the School Board Budget Sub-Committee would meet this evening, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. The Committee will include two (2) people from Rocky Hill and two (2) people from the Board of Education. He would like to get a framework for how the Township is going get this done, some consensus on the types of areas that are going to be looked at and a time frame.

Administrator Nieman stated that Special Auditor Peter Martin gave him a list of items that should be requested of the Board of Education. He made that request to the Board, but doesn't expect to have it before tonight's meeting.

4. **BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET**

Peter Vala, Skillman Road, spoke about his concerns regarding the rhetoric from Trenton that is surrounding this whole issue and how it will influence what happens here in Montgomery. He stated that he is an employee of the NJEA as an expert in school funding. Part of his job involves analyzing school budgets and dealing with the finances of schools, but that was not why he was appearing before the Governing Body. He was at the meeting to voice his concerns as a parent. He was concerned because the blanket statements that are being used on all districts may not apply in this district. His main concern was that the funding formula which was held constitutional 1½ years ago dictates what the adequacy budget of a district should be. Montgomery is significantly below that number already because there is efficiency in the way education is delivered here.

ADJOURNMENT was at 8:10 a.m. on a motion by Committeeman Carter, seconded by Committeeman Fay and carried unanimously.

Date of Approval:

Marge Crawford, Deputy Township Clerk