

Meeting Minutes

Hightstown Borough Council Special Joint Meeting - May 11, 2010 – 7:30 pm Hightstown High School, Hightstown, New Jersey

Hightstown Borough/East Windsor Township/East Windsor Regional School District

The special joint meeting of the East Windsor Township Council, Hightstown Borough Council and the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education was called to order by Mayor Janice S. Mironov at 7:40 p.m. on May 11, 2010.

Municipal Clerk Cindy A. Dye certified that the meeting was noticed in the Special Meeting Notice. Notice was sent to the Trenton Times, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted in the East Windsor Township Municipal Building, all on May 6, 2010. All requirements of the "Open Public Meetings Act" were satisfied.

Present were: Mayor Janice S. Mironov, Deputy Mayor Marc Lippman, Council Members Walter T. Daniels, Hector Duke, Alan Rosenberg and Marsha Weinstein. Also present were: Township Manager Alan Fisher, Municipal Clerk Cindy Dye and Township Attorney David Orron. Council Member Perry Shapiro was absent.

Borough Administrator Herbert Massa read the Open Public Meetings Act statement which stated that adequate notice and posting of the meeting had taken place in accordance with the requirements of P.L. 1975, Chapter 231.

Present were: Mayor Robert Patten, Council President Lawrence Quattrone, Council Members Jeffrey Bond, Isabel McGinty, Dimitri Musing, Walter L. Sikorski and Michael Theokas. Also present was: Herbert Massa, Borough Administrator.

President Alice Weisman stated "Written advance notice of this meeting was provided at least 48 hours ago. Such notice provided the time, date and location of this meeting and included the agenda to the extent it was known at time. Notice of this meeting has been prominently posted on the door of the District Administration Building. The notice was faxed to the Trenton Times, Windsor Hights Herald and the Trentonian, which are the Board's designated newspapers for such notification. Notice has also been filed with the East Windsor Township Clerk and Hightstown Borough Clerk. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available promptly to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration Building, 384 Stockton Street, Hightstown, New Jersey. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy."

Present were: Board President Alice Weisman, Board Members Paul Connolly, Bruce Ettman, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, Christine Harrington, Susan Lloyd and Kennedy Paul.

Board President Weisman requested that everyone stand for the flag salute.

Mayor Mironov stated that tonight's meeting came about on April 20, 2010 when the voters of East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough voted in the negative on the school budget. Under the process required by the laws of the State of New Jersey, the budget then goes to the governing bodies that comprises the District, which of course is East Windsor Township and Hightstown Borough, for review and decision. That decision is due by May 19, 2010. That decision, discussions and deliberations are commenced with the presence and consultations with the members of the Board of Education. The primary purpose of this evening is to provide to the members of the public an opportunity to share with the Councils their views and comments on the budget. There is a sign up sheet to assist the process because there are many people here and in order to give everyone a chance to speak.

Mayor Mironov called on the following people who signed up to speak regarding the budget:

Robert Thibault of 504 South Main Street, Hightstown; Jim Fidler of 14 Meadowbrook Drive, East Windsor; Terri Tuliszewski of 10 Taylor Avenue, Hightstown; Mario Ribeca of 108 Orchard Avenue, Hightstown; Michael Winkler of 28 Morrsate Circle, East Windsor; Stu Dolgon of 119 Danbury Court, East Windsor; Michele Catana of 211 Conover Road, East Windsor; Gary Lucas of 14 Maple Avenue, Hightstown; Diana Kaiser of 31 Greenbrook Drive, East Windsor and Sandra Trenholm of 55 Probasco Road, East Windsor.

Mayor Mironov, on behalf of the governing bodies, thanked everyone for coming out and taking the interest of sharing their comments. All comments will be respected and considered.

There being no further business Mayor Mironov adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert C. Massa
Borough Administrator
Alt. Deputy Clerk