

**ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING
MINUTES
September 12, 2016**

This meeting was advertised in The Express Times, notice posted in the Alexandria Township Municipal Offices and the Alexandria Township Website, (www.alexandrianj.gov) as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

Meeting Called to order at 6:02 PM.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Committeewoman Garay, Committeeman Abraham, Mayor Pfefferle, CFO Hart, DPW Foreman Griffith

ABSENT:

None

- **2017 Budget Work Session # 1**

Township Committee reviewed three different budget spread sheet versions prepared by CFO Hart.

Version # 1-Existing expenditures only, no new expenditures

Version # 2-Laying off one employee with a savings of \$102,000.00 a year

Version # 3-Laying off two employees with the most savings and the most aggressive of the three plans reviewed.

All three plans allow for a flat tax and show the high level costs the Township would incur over 6 years. The Township will need to increase taxes by \$165,000.00 in a few years to hold off paying amounts that can no longer be bonded. CFO Hart noted that outstanding bonds are being refinanced saving the Township 9 ½ percent. The Township will look into surplus for the next meeting. The Township budget has been approximately \$1.8 million a year and has been stable. CFO Hart suggested that the Township can go out for debt service for the longest time possible for the new municipal bldg., DPW Garage, etc. Best time to do this is in July.

DPW:

The Township Committee has determined that the current DPW's budget capacity is \$250,000.00 for road work. Oil and chip should be ongoing maintenance and not bonded in Capital every year. None of the three plans above include road improvements. DPW Foreman Griffith needs to provide the Township with a list of trucks that need to be replaced and road projects that are of priority.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

Comm. Garay made a motion, seconded by Comm. Abraham to move to Executive Session. (Time 7:28 PM)

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Open Public Meetings Act RESOLUTION- Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 2:4-12, Open Public Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township of Alexandria, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

_____ A confidential or excluded matter under Federal or State Law or Court Rule.

_____ A matter involving information that may impair the Township’s rights to receive funds from the United States Government.

_____ A matter constituting an unwarranted invasion of an individual’s privacy rights.

_____ Collective Bargaining Agreement or negotiation of the Agreement.

 X Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds which it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion were disclosed.

Lester D. Wilson

Tactics and techniques to protect the safety and property of the public, including investigations of violations or potential violations of the law.

Pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the public body is or may become a party.

Shared Services

Matters falling within the attorney-client privilege.

Personnel matters involving a specific employee or officer of the Township.
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Deliberations of the Township occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific penalty or suspension or loss of a license or permit.

3. It is anticipated at this time that the above matter will be made public: at the conclusion of the litigation and at such time as attorney client confidentiality is no longer needed to protect confidentiality and litigation strategy.
4. The executive session minutes will be placed on file in the township clerk's office, and will be available to the public as provided for by New Jersey law.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately .

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to return to Public Session. (Time 8:00 PM)

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The following matters were discussed in Executive Session:

- Lester D. Wilson:
Matter to stay in Executive Session
- Shared Services:
Matter to stay in Executive Session

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Comm. Abraham made a motion, seconded by Comm. Garay to adjourn.

Roll Call: Aye: Garay, Abraham, Pfefferle

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:
Michele Bobrowski, RMC
Township Clerk

I hereby certify that I have reviewed these Minutes of the Township Committee Meeting of September 12, 2016 and certify that said Minutes were approved unanimously by the Township Committee on the 12th day of October 2016.

_____ Dated: _____

R. Christian Pfefferle, Mayor