

MAY 26, 2011

The Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the May 26, 2011 in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 PM. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kalvaitis, Council members: Beatrice, White, Kappatos. Absent: Kisielewski, Moore & Williams. Present: CFO/Business Administrator, Richard E. Wright, Jr.

STATEMENT: Mayor Kalvaitis read the notice of this meeting pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act."

Due to a lack of a quorum to introduce the 2011 budget, the meeting was adjourned until the next day May 27, 2011 at 5:30 PM.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Seeing no one wishing to speak, a motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Kappatos to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kalvaitis declared that portion of the meeting closed.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Beatrice and seconded by Kappatos to adjourn the meeting until Friday, May 27, 2011 at 5:30 PM. The motion carried and Mayor Kalvaitis declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

ADJOURNED MEETING MAY 27, 2011

The Adjourned Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede was held on the May 27, 2011 in the meeting room of the Borough Hall, 24 N. Black Horse Pike, Runnemede, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. The following members were present at roll call: Mayor Kalvaitis, Council members: Beatrice, White, Kappatos, Williams, Moore. Absent: Kisielewski. Present: CFO/Business Administrator, Richard E. Wright, Jr.

RESOLUTION #11-74

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

COUNTY OF CAMDEN

RESOLUTION TO AVERAGE TAX COLLECTION RATE

FOR USE IN THE 2011 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Borough of Runnemede experienced a decline in the tax collection rate for the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the use of the lower collection rate in arriving at the budget appropriation Reserve for Uncollected Taxes in the 2011 Municipal Budget would result in an unfair tax burden to the taxpayers of the Borough of Runnemede; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services, Department of Community Affairs will allow the Borough of Runnemede to use the average of the prior three years' collection rates in calculating the budget appropriation Reserve for Uncollected Taxes in the 2011 Municipal Budget; and

WHEREAS, the prior three years' collection rates are 98.03% for 2008, 98.02% for 2009 and 97.92% for 2010; and

WHEREAS, the averaging of the prior three years' collection rates result in a collection rate of 97.99%;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Runnemede may use the collection rate of 97.99% in calculating the budget appropriation Reserve for Uncollected Taxes in the 2011 Municipal Budget.

BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Williams this resolution be approved. The motion carried and Mayor Kalvaitis requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Moore, White, Williams & Beatrice. Absent: Kisielewski. Nays: None. Mayor Kalvaitis declared the resolution adopted.

FIRST READING :

The following ordinance was read by title by the clerk:

ORDINANCE #11-07: An Ordinance to Exceed the Municipal Budget Appropriation Limits and to Establish a Cap Bank (N.J.S.A. 40a:4-45.14)

A motion was made by Beatrice , seconded by Moore the ordinance be approved on first reading, advertised according to law, with a public hearing to be held on June 28, 2011 at a meeting beginning at 5:30 PM. Councilman Kappatos had several questions regarding the budget and its actual impact on the community. A discussion ensued regarding various aspects of the budget including the actual percentage increase. The motion carried and Mayor Kalvaitis requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Kappatos, Moore, Williams, Beatrice, White. Nays: None. Absent: Kisielewski. Mayor Kalvaitis declared the ordinance approved on first reading.

Introduction of the 2011 Budget:

A motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Williams to approve the 2011 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$7,262,045.77 and the Sewer Utility Budget in the amount of \$845,000.00 with a Public Hearing to be held on the 28th day of June , 2011 at a meeting beginning at 5:30 PM. The motion carried and Mayor Kalvaitis requested a roll call vote with the following results: Ayes: Beatrice, Moore, White, Kappatos, Williams, Moore. Nays: None. Absent: Kisielewski. Mayor Kalvaitis declared the resolution introducing the budget adopted.

GOOD & WELFARE:

Seeing no one wishing to speak, a motion was made by Beatrice, seconded by Williams to close the good and welfare portion of the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kalvaitis declared that portion of the meeting closed.

There being no further business to come before Mayor and Council at this time a motion was made by Beatrice and seconded by Kappatos to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mayor Kalvaitis declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

Approved by:


Bertha Kalvaitis, Mayor

Attest:


Joyce Pinto, Borough Clerk