

BOROUGH OF BERNARDSVILLE
Mayor & Borough Council Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2009

This special meeting was called to order by Mayor Lee Honecker at 9:05 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2009. Present were Charlotte J. Foster, John McCrossan, Edward McDowell and Joseph Rossi. Council Members Joseph DeMarco and Kevin Sooy were absent. Also present were Sandra G. Jones, Clerk/Assistant Administrator, and Ralph Maresca, Jr., Administrator/CMFO.

STATEMENT OF PRESIDING OFFICER

Notice of this meeting was provided to the Bernardsville News, Courier News and the Star Ledger, filed with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the Municipal Bulletin Board on June 2, 2009.

OPEN SESSION

Mayor Honecker opened. Hearing no comments, the Mayor closed the open portion of the meeting.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

Property acquisition/contract negotiations

Council Member Foster moved to adjourn to executive session to consider this topic and that the time when and circumstances under which the matters can be disclosed to the public is when they are finally resolved. Mr. Rossi seconded and the motion was approved with four yes votes.

It was moved and seconded to reopen the meeting to the public.

Request for summer help in Public Works

Mr. Maresca requested permission to hire two summer employees to help the road department catch up, at a salary of approximately \$10 per hour. One salary would be charged to the Railroad Station Trust Fund and one to the salary & wage budget. The additional help, he said, would be especially helpful for vacation coverage. Mr. Rossi was opposed. He cited numerous concerns and gave his opinion of unacceptable work product. In response to a request from all present, Mr. Rossi agreed to provide his concerns in writing with a thorough and specific list.

Following a lengthy debate on the question to hire, or not to hire two summer helpers, Mr. McCrossan moved to proceed with the request to hire. Mr. McDowell seconded the motion. Mr. Rossi voted no. Members Foster, McCrossan and McDowell voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. McDowell moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McCrossan seconded and the motion was approved with four yes votes.

BOROUGH CLERK