

MINUTES
UNION CITY BOROUGH COUNCIL BUDGET WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 9TH, 2009

The Budget Work Session of the Union City Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Brumagin. The meeting was held at the City Building.

Councillors present were Brumagin, Bowes, Hinkle, Steadman and Tubbs. Councillor Hoban was absent.

Officials present were Borough Manager Cheryl Capela, Mayor Paul Capela and Police Chief Kevin Jones.

Visitors present were Braden McCrillis.

BUDGET WORK SESSION: President Brumagin said this meeting has been scheduled to discuss the proposed budget. He said there is a deficit of \$16,927.00.

The Borough Manager said that one way to balance the budget is to eliminate the position of hiring another full-time police officer.

Councillor Bowes said he is not in favor of this.

Chief Jones said he is short a part-time police officer and he would like to hire the last individual on the Civil Service List.

Councillor Bowes asked Chief Jones "would David Pernice be interested in the full-time position with the police department?"

Chief Kevin Jones said he is pretty sure that he would be interested in the position.

The Borough Manager asked if the rest of Borough Council is in an agreement to hire another full-time police officer.

Councillor Hinkle said if hiring a full-time police officer requires Borough Council to raise taxes, then no, he is not in favor.

Councillor Tubbs said he would also like Borough Council to remember that the attorney said that if we want to pursue looking at another building, it would cost approximately \$5000 for a Feasibility Study.

The Borough Manager said she was going to see if Borough Council can get the Feasibility Study done through a grant.

The Borough Manager said if Borough Council decides to raise the taxes one mill, it will cost the average homeowner approximately \$54.00 more a year.

Councillor Tubbs said if raising the taxes by one mill is what the other members of Borough Council want to do, he has no problem with this as long as the restricted funds stay in an account where it cannot be used.

He said he wants every department to stay within their budget. He said he does not want to see the Street Supervisor come before Borough Council requesting purchases on items that were not budgeted. He said that Borough Council has been guilty in the past in approving these purchases but that needs to stop now.

All members of Borough Council agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

