



Mr. Aljian stated for 2008 amount to be raised by taxation is \$7.8 million and this year is \$8.2 million.

Angela Morin stated the total amount of the budget decreased, last year budget was \$15.3 million and this year is \$14.7 million this year.

Mr. Aljian asked what the percentage is?

Angela Morin stated 4.38% based solely on tax rate last year to this years tax rate.

Mr. Aljian stated this year money was saved from the library and a pension deferment.

Mayor Sobel stated possibly next year with the library too, also next year we will see a savings from our health insurance.

Mr. Aljian asked about the pension deferment.

Angela Morin stated we will start paying in 2012, and will pay in back over 15 years.

Michael Vail  
64 Brookview Lane

Mr. Vail asked what can we do about the library funding.

Mayor Sobel stated it is a law.

Mr. Abend, Library Board member stated the library is not restricted on the amount of surplus but can set up reserves. There is a deed restriction on the library, we do not own that library. 2011 the library can apply to have the deed restriction come off. Library has capital improvements they are looking at, as replacing an elevator. We just did a survey what the library does for the residents. Other alternatives are being looked at, as joining the Monmouth County Library System to help save money for the municipalities.

Mr. Abend stated the municipalities have representatives on the board, there is a Mayor's representative for Aberdeen and Matawan.

Mr. Vail asked how much dialogue did the board have with the municipalities.

Mr. Abend stated he can not speak for the Borough but I can tell you a lot with Aberdeen. I speak to the Mayor, Mr. Drapkin, Mr. Vinci and other people. I have no problem giving the information. Also, the Library submits the budget to the Township Manager, we don't have to but we do.

Mayor Sobel stated the library board does a wonderful job with that building, it is limited. Ideally we would like to have a new building. We have some land throughout the Township of possible locations.

Mr. Vail stated this seems like a cycle we are never going to get out of.

Mr. Abend stated this cycle is relatively new. The funding had changed a few years ago.

Mr. Vail stated when we are looking down the road for money we should not look to depend on the library.

Mayor Sobel stated no programs were effected by the library, actually they expanded their services. These are extraordinary time, I hope we don't have to go to the library again.

There being no one else wishing to be heard Mayor Sobel declared the Hearing of the Citizens closed.

## **MINUTES**

Deputy Mayor Gumbs made a motion to adopt the Workshop, Regular & Executive Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2009. Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Tagliarini, Vinci and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: Deputy Mayor Gumbs

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-99 – AMENDMENT TO 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Councilman Drapkin made a motion to introduce Resolution No. 2009-99 and move its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Tagliarini, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nay: Councilman Perry

Abstain: None

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-100 – ADOPTION OF THE 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Councilman Vinci made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-100, Seconded by Councilman Drapkin.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Tagliarini, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nay: Councilman Perry

Abstain: None

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-101 – ADOPTION OF THE 2009 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DISTRICT BUDGET**

Councilman Tagliarini made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-101, Seconded by Councilman Vinci.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Tagliarini, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nay: None

Abstain: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Perry made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, all items listed under 8D.

Seconded by Councilman Drapkin

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Councilmen Drapkin, Perry, Tagliarini, Vinci, Deputy Mayor Gumbs and Mayor Sobel

Nays: None

Abstain: None

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2009-94 – BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council that it hereby authorizes the Corrective Action Plan.
2. RA-935 – Raffle for Ranney School Parents Association, Tinton Falls, NJ
3. RA-936 – Raffle for Monmouth Neighborhood Housing, Inc., Cliffwood Beach, NJ
4. RA-937 – Raffle for Monmouth Neighborhood Housing, Inc., Cliffwood Beach, NJ
5. RA-938 – Raffle for Monmouth Neighborhood Housing, Inc., Cliffwood Beach, NJ
6. BA-939 – Bingo for Basilian Fathers of Mariapoch, Aberdeen, NJ
7. BA-940 – Bingo for Basilian Third Order, Aberdeen, NJ
8. BA-941 – Bingo for Auxiliary of the Basilian Fathers of Mariapoch, Aberdeen, NJ

Mayor Sobel stated he would like to recognized the hard work the staff put in on the budget, it wasn't easy in the face of lost State aid and significant contractual obligations along with rising health care costs. The budget was revisited many times and came up with approximately half a million dollars in budget cuts. If at all possible you try not to raise taxes and if you do try to minimize the increase. The tax rate will increase by 1.86 cents which is a \$50 annual increase on an average home in town. There were no furloughs, no staff reductions, no wage freeze and no loss of service. This is a very responsible budget.

**HEARING OF THE CITIZENS/CORRESPONDENCE AND PETITIONS**

Mayor Sobel asked any member of the public wishing to be heard to come forward and to state their name and address.

Christine Balint

127 Wilson Avenue

Ms Balint thanked Council getting the roadway signs on Wilson Avenue painted. Has a date been set for COAH to tour the sites in Aberdeen.

Mr. Criscuolo stated next Monday.

Mike Abend  
51 Chilton Lane

Mr. Abend stated the raffle item on the consent agenda should be Aberdeen Township not Cliffwood Beach. We are all part of the same town, in the Cliffwood Beach section of Aberdeen Township.

Mr. Abend asked regarding the properties discussed in workshop that were being sold to adjoining resident, the Township Manager stated putting these properties back on the tax roll will get us more money. It is my understanding if you have \$200 million and raise X number of dollars and now \$220 million you are raising the same X number of dollars. Putting these back on the lot doesn't mean my rate will go down. I agree money will be saved on maintaining and grass cutting.

Mr. Criscuolo stated what he learned from the Tax Assessor is there has to be a percentage. The number of properties we are talking about would not bring us over that number to go back and do a total recast.

Mr. Abend asked why he got a bill for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2010 for his parking space at the railroad. Why so far in advance.

Mr. Criscuolo will check with the mass transit secretary and get back to Mr. Abend.

There being no one else wishing to be heard, Mayor Sobel closed the Hearing of the Citizens/Correspondence and Petitions.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Tagliarini made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Vinci and unanimously concurred by Council.

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David G. Sobel, Mayor

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Karen Ventura, Municipal Clerk