

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX
HELD AT THE SUSSEX MUNICIPAL BUILDING
2 MAIN STREET, SUSSEX, NJ
MARCH 15, 2011**

Mayor Parrott called the meeting to order and requested the clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call, the following members of the Governing Body were present: Mr. Fransen, Mr. LaBar, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Rose, Mayor Parrott.

Absent: Mr. Dykstra, Mrs. Little (arrived at 7:35)

Mayor Parrott led the assembly in the flag salute and requested a moment of silence.

Mayor Parrott stated "This meeting is being held in compliance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq. It has been properly advertised and certified by the Clerk."

Financial Report

At this time Sam Rome, CFO, gave the financial report for the meeting of March 15, 2011. Mr. Rome stated that we are doing pretty well on the budget even though it has all been on a very fast schedule for the last three weeks. He and the Mayor are going to Trenton tomorrow to have a meeting about the transitional aid. At the meeting that he and the auditor went to a few weeks ago they told them that last year there was 159 million dollars and this year there is only 149 million. They told him not to anticipate receiving as much as last year. They also said that anyone who wasn't already in the program would have to jump hurdles to get into it. There will be a little closer scrutiny about meeting the requirements of the program. The application was submitted last Wednesday by mail, fax and email. They have already contacted us to set up a meeting. We should know by the end of next week if we are going to get any amount. We asked for \$90,000. If we get \$80,000 we should have no problem putting the rest of the budget together. We filed the paperwork for the referendum but if we get the aid we can pull out of it. The biggest reason that they jumped the schedule so much is that they want to make sure that if a town has to go out for referendum that the town has plenty of time to get the question on the ballot for the election to be held on the 27th of April. He stated that he also attended a budget seminar last week and he got caught up on all the new laws.

Mr. Rome also stated that there is a transfer resolution on the agenda tonight for the 2010 money. What that will cover is the extra money needed for the auditor to come in and finish out the 2010 audit. Nisivoccia will be doing the 2010 audit. He stated that we haven't received a bill yet from them for the rate study that they prepared. Any money that is left in the water/sewer budget for last year will pay for that. The other transfer is to cover the salt needed for the storm in December.

Mr. Rome stated that we have changed payroll companies. We are now going to use ADP instead of R & L and it should save us about \$2,000 a year. They provide many more services and it is all electronic. He stated that ADP is taking our records that we used for the other company.

Mr. Meyer thanked Sam for saving us money on the payroll services. He stated that he asked Tom Ferry at the last meeting about the debt service and the I & I project and if it was included in the rate study.

Mr. Rome stated that we knew what the water tank payment was going to be so that was already factored into the rates. With the budget this year he stated that he estimated a \$40,000 payment. If the I & I loan follows suit with what we paid for the water tanks then we will probably have to make our first payment August 1st. We will only be making a half year payment then and he stated that it was factored into the budget for this year. He stated that we haven't been able to get a pay down schedule from the Infrastructure Trust for the I & I project.

Mr. Meyer said that he is concerned that we will have to raise the rates again in double digits this year.

Mr. Rome stated that the budget for this year is balanced. We will be safe going through this year with no increase. Hopefully if we generate enough revenues then we can cut down on

what the auditor anticipated last year. She anticipated that going through next year we would probably end up in a deficit situation just not as significant as the one this year. This year we ended up with \$136,000 deficit to revenues. She predicted that going into the end of 2011 that it would probably at least be cut in half. The other plus of it is that we have actually found ways to cut the cost within the budget. We did budget for the extra \$85,000 for SCMUA but hopefully we won't have to pay it. If that is the case then it gives us a little extra cushion going into next year. The way March has been though we are going to get slammed again.

Mr. Meyer stated that is one of his main concerns. We are going to have extra debt service from the I & I project and we have had huge overages the last couple of weeks. He asked Mr. Rome if anything was incorporated for the overages.

Mr. Rome stated that we won't get hit on those overages until next year's budget.

Mr. Meyer stated that he would prefer that we stay on it and monitor it as closely as possible so that if we have to raise the rates we don't have a double digit increase next year. Even if we have to, in the middle of this year, raise the rates modestly.

Mr. Rome stated that he strongly suggests that when the auditor is free from doing budgets he pick up the water rate study that was done last year and take a close look at it. He stated that he is not 100% comfortable with some of the things that the old auditor discussed with him and included in the rate study. He would like to have the new auditor take a look at it. He stated that he discussed this with Cathy as well and she feels the same way. Mr. Ferry stated that he would do that for us.

Mr. Rose asked if we even needed the auditor to take a look at it. We already know that there will be a full payment on the water tanks this year and only one I & I payment.

Mrs. Gleason stated that we put \$50,000 in the budget for both project's payments. \$40,000 for the water tanks, which is a full year's payment and \$10,000 for the I & I project which would be our initial payment.

Mr. Rome stated that hopefully this year we can make at least half of that deficit go away. He knows that she factored at least half of that going into 2012. We have put the appropriations in and most of our costs are pretty well fixed now. If we come into November or December and see that we are really ahead in the appropriations we should be ok. There are some potential savings with regard to energy. We then might be able to go in then at the end of the year and cancel some of those electric bills. Then we can put some money back into surplus to help reduce that deficit.

Mr. Rose stated that perhaps we should give a 2% rate increase this year and another 2% increase next year. That is the rate of inflation or even below the rate.

Mr. Rome stated that we can only increase the rate once in any given year. We will have to look at it going into next year's budget. This quarter was the first actual rate increase. He stated that he doesn't think that we would be allowed to raise those rates until February quarter of next year. It may be something that we want to look at. He said that Mr. Ferry would not charge as much for a rate study as the previous auditor did. The last auditor charged us \$10,000 to do a rate study. He will get a quote from Mr. Ferry once we get closer to looking at it. He can't justify doing a rate increase unless he can put all of the numbers together himself.

Mr. Rose asked Mr. Rome if it is his position that a rate increase is not warranted this year.

Mr. Rome stated that he is stating that his position is that we can only raise the rates once a year.

Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Rome to find out for sure. It is not that he wants to raise the rate but he would much rather do it softly.

Mr. Rome stated that he will check for sure but if that is what the Council wants then we should look at it right away. Right now, with the projections that were put forward in the last rate study we have balanced the budget. He stated that he is not 100% sure where the numbers came from that she used in the last study.

Mr. Meyer stated that is why we have a new auditor.

Mr. Rose stated that he doesn't think that we need to spend \$10,000 on a new study when we already know what the increases are going to be. He stated that at a minimum we know the budget is going to be increased by \$40,000 to pay the new NJEIT loan for the I & I project.

Mr. Rome stated that he will check on the legality of it because he is under the impression that you can only raise the rates once a year. That is part of the reason that we pushed to have the one that would have been in place by August of last year.

Mr. Meyer also stated that he reviewed the overdue balances on the utilities and it says the overdue accounts are 27%. So that means we have a 73% collection rate. It doesn't show what the numbers are. He wanted to know dollar values. Right now we are at a half a million dollars past due.

Mr. Ursin stated that includes High Ridge so it is not accurate.

Mr. Meyer asked if High Ridge was included in anticipated revenue when the budget was done because we know that we are not going to get that money.

Basically it was included in the rate study last year and he thought it was supposed to be taken out.

Mrs. Gleason stated that they took that into account because she only anticipated a 90% collection rate.

Mr. Rome stated that he thinks that she didn't increase the amount but the amount was still there as part of what she factored in. He didn't factor collecting any of that in when he did this year's budget.

Mr. Meyer wanted to know what the percentage of money owed is delinquent.

Mr. LaBar stated that it is only about \$160,000 past due if you take out High Ridge. He stated that includes all overdues. We should only be concerned with the ones that are over 90 days overdue.

Mr. Meyer stated that she only figured that we wouldn't collect 10% and that included High Ridge then the calculation was wrong.

Mr. Ursin stated that the Borough will see some money from High Ridge but not all of it. The legitimate charges are a first lien against the property. The only way the Borough won't see any of it is if the property remains vacant. It will be a municipal lien. It will just be more complicated because it is in another town.

Mr. Meyer stated that it is good that we now have the past due amounts and now it is important to see what is current and what we have in our cash flow so that we can be certain that we are collecting what is owed. It is very important that we keep a very close eye on it. We can't be hitting people with another really large increase. He stated that it looks like we might have some relief in the not so distant future but he likes to deal with firm numbers and facts.

Mr. Rome stated that he has voiced his concerns to the new auditor about the prior rate study and that he suggested that he look at the numbers when he gets the chance. We need to be able to know how much our rate needs to be especially if we get hit again with a large increase from SCMUA. That is the comfort zone that we need to have with the auditor. Once the budget is done then we should let him get right on it then. If he thinks that we may have to increase it then we might have to increase them in the third or the fourth quarter of this year.

Mr. Meyer asked again about recasting the bonds and Sam explained that the payment would be more because the term would be shorter.

Mr. LaBar agreed with Sam's analysis.

Mr. Meyer asked Sam for a list of all of the Borough's debt.

DPW Report

At this time Bob Schultz, DPW Supervisor, gave the DPW report for the meeting of March 15, 2011.

Mr. Schultz stated that we had another sewer main break down at the SCMUA plant. It was on the roadway going into the plant. They were able to take care of it relatively quickly. It was the same type of issue that we had down at the diner. He stated that he spoke to John Ruschke about sampling to see if they can find anything out from a chemical standpoint. We have been talking about putting the chemical feed back into the wet well. These tests may be critical to that.

Mayor Parrott stated that by Hardyston repairing the break the Borough saved about \$10,000. In the past we would have had to hire an outside contractor to make the repair.

Mr. Schultz stated that it took them about three hours from start to finish but they did use the last clamp. They are going to have to make sure that they have the right equipment on hand in case there is another break. He stated that they brought blocks up from Hardyston down to the DPW yard to make some bins to store materials. With the heavy rains they did have some issues but nothing really drastic. A few drainage issues will need to be addressed. He stated that he is looking at putting together a schedule for the spring. There are projects on both sides that he wants to start as soon as the weather breaks.

Mr. Schultz stated that they are going to finish up the Loomis pipe job. It has to be scraped and then turned back on to see how many holes are in the pipe. Then we can assess what we are going to do. If it can't be repaired then we will have to talk to John Ruschke to see how we are going to proceed. He also stated that the park flooded during the last storm and there was only some minor damage to the field that we just put in. He is going to meet with the sports leagues to introduce him self and get on the same page with them. He stated that he has some upgrades he would like to do which includes turf maintenance. He would like to coordinate it with them since it will benefit them over time. He stated that with the severe winter there are quite a few potholes. They have been fixing them with cold patch since they are not making hot asphalt yet. He will bring the paver up and do some stripping as soon as the weather permits.

Mr. Schultz stated that another piece of the Highland Avenue wall fell down. They did clean up the initial collapse and that same afternoon, with the heavy rains, the other piece came down. They have to get up there and clean that up. He stated that we are going to be talking to Harold Pellow to see how we are going to stabilize the wall. We have the road closed and there have not been any issues that he is aware of.

Mayor Parrott stated that Harold Pellow wants to have the DPW dig it out so that we can see what is underneath there. Then he can determine what has to be done to stabilize the roadway.

Mr. Schultz stated that they got the sweeper out and did the yearly maintenance on it. It is running fine and will be put on a schedule. We will begin picking up leaves again on Mondays in April. He stated that he is working on the valve maintenance plan because he would like to begin that in the spring. We are ordering valves. He would like to concentrate on the Main Street area first because half of the valves don't work. Then he will break the rest of the town up into quadrants. Most of the valves do not operate. He doesn't want to come out at 2 am and have to shut down a lot of valves because most of them don't work. We really have to address this issue. There are two old hydrants up at the park that need to be replaced. He stated that they are also going to replace all of the air releases on the sewer and water lines. Once they are all ordered then he will go out and replace every one of them. Next meeting he will have the plans for the Council to review. We already know that they are a bunch of curb stops that also need to be replaced. There is a lot to do. A preconstruction meeting will be set up with the contractor who is doing the I & I project because that project is set to begin in May.

Mr. Schultz stated that he has the software for the flow meters but he is having a hard time getting it to operate. He can get one meter to operate but not the rest of them. He stated that he is going to have his IT person take a look at it for him. He is going to try to put the software on a newer computer. He will also try to call Hank to see if he can help him figure it out. It will help us to go outside the scope of the I & I project to see if we have any other issues out there. He stated that we did find a few issues that we know that we have. There was a leak on Newton Avenue. We used the new material to stop the leak and seal it up. It is a quick fix. It stopped a leak that was about 30,000 gallons a day. It is a good start.

Mr. Schultz stated that we did lose the fence up at the Colesville holding pond again. He stated that the one side was blocked and it pushed the entire fence over. They will put it back up once they have some time.

Mr. Meyer stated that he wants to sit down with Bob to go over an entire five year plan for the Borough. He asked the Mayor to form a subcommittee to start work on that plan.

Mr. Schultz stated that he would like to come up with a five year plan of what we need to do. It helps from an operational standpoint and from a budget standpoint. It lets you see how much you are going to need to do the things that are necessary to run the town effectively. It takes time to lay it out but it is well worth it and important, especially with tight budgets. There is a lot of work to do here in the Borough. We need to have a long term plan and set our priorities. Everything costs a lot of money and we don't have a lot of money to work with. We need to phase the work in according to our priorities. It doesn't take long to eat the budget up. Mr. Schultz stated that he would like to set goals and then review them periodically to see if the goals have been accomplished. At least it gives you something to strive towards. It works in Hardyston so perhaps it can work here as well.

Mayor Parrott stated that he, Cathy and Bob can talk about it and if we think it is worthwhile to do then he can create a subcommittee.

Mr. Meyer stated that the cost of deferred maintenance is killing us so we need to come up with a plan.

Mayor Parrott stated that the water tanks are a good example.

Mr. Fransen stated that the catch basins on Route 23 and Route 284 are very full and Mr. Schultz stated that he will stop down at the State garage and let them know that they need to be cleaned.

Mayor Parrott thanked Mr. Schultz again for repairing the force main break.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Parrott requested that all persons present review the consent agenda and offer any comments they may have at this time regarding the consent agenda.

Mr. Fransen made a motion to accept the consent agenda of March 15, 2011. Seconded by Mr. LaBar.

CORRESPONDENCE (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Resolution from the Township of Montague opposing COAH reform bill S1/A3477 by the NJ State Senate and Assembly.
2. Resolution from the Township of Montague in support of A-196 by the NJ State Assembly.
3. Notice of hearing from the Wantage Township Land use Board for Block 142 Lot 7.
4. Resolution from the Borough of Bloomingdale requesting the State of NJ to immediately conduct a study to determine both long-term and short-term safety improvements along State Highway Route 23.
5. Letter dated March 7, 2011 from Christina Riker, Sussex Wantage School Board Secretary to the NJ Herald advising of a special meeting of the Board of Education on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 7:00pm.

REPORTS (ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Water/Sewer Collector Report for the month of February 2011.
2. Construction report for the month of February 2011.
3. Sussex Fire Department report for the month of February 2011.
4. Sussex Fire Department EMS report for the month of February 2011.
5. Clerk's Report for the month of February 2011.
6. Property Maintenance yearly rentals report for the month of February 2011.
7. Zoning Department Report for the month of February 2011.
8. Water/Sewer Delinquent Report as of March 10, 2011.

APPLICATIONS (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Blue Light application permit from Harrison Thompson for the Sussex Fire Department.

RESOLUTIONS: (APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING):

1. Payment of bills for March 15, 2011 meeting.
Upon roll call vote:
Ayes: Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose
Nays: None Absent: Dykstra Abstentions: None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #1

Mrs. Little made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Rose. All were in favor.

Ms. Linda Masson, 15 Spruce Avenue, addressed the Council regarding the referendum that is being put on the ballot.

Ms. Gleason stated that since we can only go over the cap by 2% we had to put the notice in the paper that we may have to go to referendum if we do not get the transitional aid. The Council will have to decide if they are going to cut the budget or go out to referendum.

Ms. Masson asked the Council to explain the ordinance that they just passed.

Ms. Gleason stated that the Council only just voted on the consent agenda.

Ms. Masson stated that she is confused then and asked what Ordinance 2011-04 is and if it has to do with the referendum.

Mr. Ursin stated that it is a cap bank ordinance. Every year the Council can vote to create a cap bank which means to take some of the money that would be surplus and apply it to next year's budget. If they don't create the cap bank then next year that amount is counted against them. He stated that as he understands it, it is a purely procedural accounting method to account for any money that may or not be surplus this year and apply it properly to the budget this year. It has nothing to do with going over the 2% cap.

Ms. Masson stated that the CFO said that he was not comfortable with the water/sewer budget and that he wasn't 100% sure where the numbers came from.

Mr. Ursin stated that he thinks that the CFO meant that he was not comfortable with the past budget. The council, when the rate study was done in the fall of last year, had a number of questions about the methodology of that rate study and its conclusions. The Borough's former auditor prepared the study. Since then the Council has replaced the auditor. What the CFO was talking about tonight was that he was going back and looking at some of the old calculations and wasn't sure exactly how they were done.

Ms. Masson asked if that is what the Council uses to decide on increasing the rates.

Mr. Ursin stated that what happens is that usually the municipality has the auditor do a rate study because the utility has to be self liquidating. The amount of money that comes into the utility has to be supported by the users. The auditor from time to time examines the budget and makes projections. Then the auditor will recommend how much the rate should be for whatever is necessary to sustain the utility for the upcoming year. That is what the discussion was tonight.

Ms. Masson asked what the total debt was for the utility.

Mayor Parrott stated that it is between six and seven million.

Ms. Masson asked what the debt is on the current side.

Ms. Gleason stated that a copy of the budget is available for Ms. Masson to come and take a look at.

Ms. Masson asked if there was any plan to lower the rates.

Mr. Ursin stated that the only real way to lower the rates is to add customers. Essentially with the sewer rates most of the amounts that we are paying are somewhat fixed. The only way to put a dent into it is to add customers.

Ms. Masson asked if the I & I will ever go away even after we do this project.

Mayor Parrott stated that if we can get rid of the infiltration then we can bring on more customers. He stated that he attended a meeting tonight with the DEP about the expansion of the sewer service areas in the County so that we can bring on more customers. First we have to get the infiltration under control. Then we will be able to address the rate issues. The money that was borrowed initially was to install the sewer line and to install the pump station.

Ms. Gleason stated that the bonding for this project was included in the rate increase last year. We have not raised the rates this year.

Mr. Meyer stated that the rate was raised 66% not because of this project. The major increase came from SCMUA over the last two years. If we don't address this issue now then the rates will never stabilize. We do anticipate some relief once this project is completed but there will be more to do. This is only the first phase of the project.

Mr. Ursin stated that this project could take care of about 2/3 of the spikes that we get when the infiltration goes down to the SCMUA plant. Mr. Ursin stated that the DEP doesn't have control over the Borough with respect to adding new users. What the DEP has control over is approving new development in certain areas. The Borough is optimistic that there will be a good number of users in any case if the DEP expands the area where they would approve development based upon the sewer service area. There would be more demand for the allocation that the Borough has.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mrs. Little made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. Rose. All were in favor.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. Gleason stated that the lot line adjustment for 27 Munson was approved at the Planning Board meeting the other night on the condition that the town vacates that part of Munson Street which is a paper road to the applicant. Mr. Hinkes, the attorney for the applicant should be sending paperwork to the Council shortly for them to consider.

Mr. Meyer stated that he is working with the realtor to come up with prices on the lots that the Borough owns so that we can put them up for auction again. On the Highland Avenue lot the assessed value was \$21,000 and no bids were received. He went to look at the property and no one is ever going to be able to build on that lot. So perhaps we should allow an adjacent property owner to bid on it at a lower price.

Mrs. Gleason stated that she has spoken to the adjacent property owner and that he would be interested in the property at a lower price. She stated that she will put the ordinance on the next agenda at a lower price.

Mr. Meyer stated that he looked at the Harrison Street lot and that Jonathan had a survey of the property. It does look like they would have access from Unionville. The question becomes whether or not the Borough should do any improvements to the lot before it is put up for sale. Should we change the zoning to allow a two family to be built on it and should we give a right of way through the theater lot? The bank going out to Unionville is very steep. It does have value and it has a magnificent view. It has water and sewer availability. The area to build on is limited however.

Mr. Rose said that Art Senor prepared a plan that would lower the lot 17 feet to bring it closer to Main Street grade. It would have created 72 parking spots. It was a beautiful plan but the Council was told that it would have been very expensive. He stated he will bring the plan in for the Council to take a look at. Perhaps the DPW would be able to do the job.

Mr. Meyer stated that if we were to sell the property as it is we would get far less for it than if we did some minor improvements. It is something to think about.

Mrs. Little stated that the BOH meeting was on March 8. They voted on the items for reorganization and Lynn Meyer was appointed the Property Maintenance Board liaison. She stated that they are hoping to hold a blood drive in the fall. The next meeting is scheduled for March 22nd. On March 9th she stated that she attended Governor Christie's town meeting in Hopatcong and she thanked Mr. Ursin for the tickets.

Mrs. Little also stated that on March 10th she attended the '208' meeting and it was reported that the Clove Brook project is progressing. She also stated that she had a chance to look at the DEP sewer service maps and she thinks that they are very difficult to read to understand what the DEP wants. Nothing seems to be consistent when you are dealing with the DEP. She asked if the Wantage Plaza was one of the developers that have approached the Borough.

Mr. Ursin stated that they are not and they are not even eligible to hook up right now. At tonight's meeting someone representing Wantage Plaza did speak with the DEP representatives and the DEP did sound very receptive to adding them into the sewer service area.

Mr. Ursin stated that originally the meeting with the DEP was advertised as a public hearing in which the DEP was going to take comment on the proposed sewer service area map that is part of the waste water management plan that the County maintains and files and needs to be approved by the DEP. Up until a couple of days ago that is how the meeting was supposed to run. However the DEP then indicated that they were coming out and meeting with landowners to have specific talks about specific pieces of property within the County as they relate to the sewer service area. He stated that he rarely views anything as a positive with the DEP but his spin on this meeting is a little bit positive. If it had just been a hearing to take comments on the current sewer service area maps he thinks that it would have been very negative for the County because the DEP has not made any of the modifications or changes or expansions that the County has been requesting on a pretty regular basis over a four or five year period. The people who were there tonight from the DEP did not have a ton of authority and weren't making any binding statements but they were certainly receptive to certain types of arguments. He saw arguments on six to eight towns tonight and there were ones that the DEP appeared to be very receptive to modifying their map. It didn't affect Sussex Borough and Wantage very much but in neighboring towns a lot of the sewer service areas were removed because they were inconsistent with the Highland's designations. The DEP indicated that they were probably going to undo that criteria and seek further counsel from the Highland's council. That is potentially a source of movement on their map. The developments in the general area of Sussex Borough in Wantage and in Hardyston were very well represented there tonight. The DEP again appeared to be receptive to some of the arguments that they were making. That would be good news for Sussex Borough because if some of those areas were opened up to sewer service area and some of those developments were allowed to proceed then they are potential customers for the Borough. Only 5% of the entire County is listed as a sewer service area in their requests and the disappointing thing is that the DEP has it less than 2.5%. Less than half of what the County was requesting was included. Hopefully tonight's meeting will lead to more dialog and some more areas being included. Right now the forces of development around Sussex Borough are including us in all of their correspondence and they are very active and very well represented. He stated that as he receives that correspondence he will distribute any thing of interest and seek the Council's permission to endorse and recommend certain changes that would create more customers for the Borough's utility.

Mayor Parrott stated that it was an informative meeting. Wantage was first on line with Harold Pellow. He had a map just what we wanted included down on Route 23. One of the developers that came here to ask for allocation was also at the meeting. Harold presented the case for Wantage and we agreed with everything that they said. John Ruschke also got up and spoke to the DEP. The DEP seemed willing to make some modifications. Hopefully common sense prevails. That would be a homerun for Sussex Borough because they would be using our transmission line. That is the future of the utility to expand the customer base.

Mrs. Gleason stated that luckily we were able to be included in the ad in the paper for the referendum to be put on the ballot with the school boards so it saved us about \$1200. She also stated that there are new petitions available for anyone who needs one. The olds ones will still be honored but if someone needs another one, they should come and pick one up here at Borough Hall. There is also a new form that needs to be filled out to go along with the petition.

Mayor Parrott thanked Mr. Ursin for the ticket to see the Governor. The Governor was excellent on his views about the future of our State. He also stated that he is going to Trenton tomorrow with Sam to discuss the transitional aid award. Hopefully this will be the third year in a row that we can secure funding from the state.

Mrs. Gleason stated that we will hopefully know by next Friday. If we do we may have to have a special meeting to discuss the budget if we don't get the aid. She asked Mr. Ursin if the Council can give her permission tonight to pull the referendum off of the ballot if we get the transitional aid.

Mr. Ursin stated that they can, if they give clear enough direction.

Mr. LaBar made a motion to allow the Clerk and the CFO to pull the referendum off of the ballot if we receive at least \$80,000 in Transitional Aid. Seconded by Mr. Fransen.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Dykstra Abstentions: None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. LaBar made motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive Session held on February 15, 2011. Seconded by Mr. Rose.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Dykstra Abstentions: None

Mr. Meyer made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 1, 2011. Seconded by Mr. LaBar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Dykstra Abstentions: None

Adoption Ordinance 2011-04 – Establish a Cap Bank

Mr. LaBar made a motion to adopt an ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SUSSEX TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK”. Seconded by Mr. Fransen.

Before final roll call Mayor Parrott opened the meeting to the public for any questions or concerns regarding Ordinance #2011-04.

Resolution #2011-33R – Water/Sewer Adjustments

Mr. Meyer made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing first quarter 2011 water/sewer adjustments. Seconded by Mr. LaBar.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Dykstra Abstentions: None

Request to Close Main Street – Sussex-Wantage Little League

Mr. Fransen made a motion to approve a request from the Sussex Wantage Little League to close Main Street on April 16, 2011 (rain date April 23, 2011) at 11:30 am for approximately one half hour for the Little League parade pending proper permits and notification to the State Police. Seconded by Mrs. Little.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Dykstra Abstentions: None

Resolution #2011-34R – Budget Appropriation Reserves Transfers

Mr. LaBar made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing 2010 budget appropriation reserve transfers. Seconded by Mr. Meyer.

Upon roll call vote:

Ayes: Fransen, LaBar, Little, Meyer, Rose

Nays: None Absent: Dykstra Abstentions: None

OPEN PUBLIC SESSION #2

Mrs. Little made a motion to open the meeting to the public for anyone wishing to address the Governing Body. Seconded by Mr. Fransen. All were in favor.

Ms. TerryAnn Zander, Advertiser News, asked the Council if the property sales that were unsuccessful in the bid process were going to be put up for sale again.

Mayor Parrott stated that Mr. Meyer is working on coming up with the real estate values.

There being no one else present who wished to address the Governing Body, Mrs. Little made a motion to close the meeting to the public, seconded by Mr. LaBar. All were in favor.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion by the Mayor and Council, Mr. LaBar made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Fransen. All were in favor.

Christian Parrott, Mayor

Catherine Gleason, RMC