

**Township of Greenwich
Special Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2015 at 5:30 pm**

Mayor Shivery called the Special meeting to order of the Greenwich Township Council for June 1, 2015.

The Clerk read the special meeting notice of the "Open Public Meetings Act Statement."

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present – Councilman DiMenna, Councilman Franklin, Councilman Giovannitti, Councilman Williams, Mayor Shivery

Absent – none

Resolutions (95-96 consent)

#95-2015 Resolution to read Budget by title only

#96-2015 Resolution Requesting permission for the Dedication by Rider for Developer's Escrow Funds required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-53.1

Councilman Giovannitti motioned, seconded by Councilman Williams to approve the Resolutions. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

"Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget"

Councilman Franklin motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to open the Public Hearing. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

The Twp. auditor gave a brief summary of the 2015 budget. He explained that there is a tax increase due in large part to a loss of ratables. He explained that it would be about an increase of \$79.82 a year for a house costing about \$161,000. However, the total Municipal budget is about \$101,384.14 lower than last year's budget.

Councilman Williams said that each dept. was asked to cut 10%, he wishes the school did the same. He thanked everyone for their efforts. Mayor Shivery said that with a diminished tax base and budgets cut, the Twp. is still providing great services. Council talked about how the Twp. is losing ratables due to tax appeals settlements and the refineries filing their pt-10's that decrease their property values.

Lee Lucas, audience participant, said that he thinks Mayor & Council did a good job with the budget. He asked if the Lube Plant is separate from Exxon Mobil and the Mayor said yes it is.

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman DiMenna to close the Public Hearing. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Resolution

#97-2015 Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Budget

Councilman Williams motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to approve the Resolution. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Audience Participation - none

Adjournment

Councilman Franklin motioned, seconded by Councilman Giovannitti to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Vote 5-0

Time 5:44 pm

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Attest

George W. Shivery, Jr., Mayor

Lori L. Biermann, Municipal Clerk