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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Township Clerk, Amy Leso. The meeting was advertised in the following manner:

- A. Posting written notice on the official Bulletin Board in the Township Municipal Building on January 7, 2013
- B. Faxing and mailing written notice to The South Jersey Times and The Courier Post on January 7, 2013
- C. Filing written notice with the Clerk of West Deptford Township on January 7, 2013

Roll Call:

Mr. Cianfarini, Ms. DiCarlo, Ms. Szymborski, Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick and Mayor Chintall were in attendance for this meeting.

Correspondence:

Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to approve the following items. It was seconded by Ms. Szymborski. It was approved unanimously.

- NJ State Fireman's Association Membership Applications for Brian O'Hara and Elizabeth Eckley

#105 BILL LIST

WHEREAS, the Township committee of the Township of West Deptford received and reviewed the "Bill List" as prepared by the Township Acting CFO and the Purchasing Officer for the monthly period ending July 5th, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said "Bill List" as prepared by the Township Acting CFO and the Purchasing Officer be approved and said Officials are authorized to render payments to each vendor appearing on the attached "Bill List." Adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee of the Township of West Deptford on July 11th, 2013.

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to approve the bill list and it was seconded by Mr. Cianfarini. Mr. Kilpatrick abstained from an item pertaining to TD Bank and Grove Street. He also asked for an explanation for this expense. Mr. Cianfarini asked about the payment on page 2 for Intersoft Technologies for annual tech support. He asked if this can be a month to month agreement. Mr. Campo explained. He also asked about the General Obligations Bonds to TD Bank in the amount of 6.4 million dollars for the Sunoco payment on page 14. Mr. Campo explained the structure of the payment. Mr. Cianfarini asked if the township had received the amount from the County for the tax credit. Mr. Campo and Ms. Sprigman both said that an estimate had been received. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szymborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

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Mr. Ken Vogt said that as a resident and a business person he fully supports the tax levy. He said that he had to put a reign on expenses in business and that the township should do the same. He also asked for a clarification on the State's Best Practices. Mr. Ogozalek explained the State's Best Practices on surplus. He then said it is a philosophy of the governing body as to how they want to use the surplus.

Mr. Joseph Rando asked what the problem was with putting together the budget. He said that the township's financial records have been screwed up for years. He said that Ms. DiCarlo said that the numbers have been furnished to her and he added that all that is needed is the certified annuals for 2012. He then said that there is nothing in the statute that says that surplus cannot be used. Ms. DiCarlo asked to respond but was instructed to wait until the budget hearing portion to express her thoughts.

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to close the meeting to the public. It was seconded by Ms. Szymborski and approved by the entire committee.

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion for the first reading of the following ordinance. It was seconded by Ms. DiCarlo. Mayor Chintall explained the changes and Mr. Cianfarini referred to a memo from Chief Mangano indicating that it would save \$2000.00. The vote on the first reading of the ordinance was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szymborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AUTHORIZING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT RULES
AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROMOTIONAL PROCESS FOR LIEUTENANT
#2013-08
(FIRST READING)**

Ms. DiCarlo made a motion for the first reading of the following ordinance. It was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. The vote on the first reading of the ordinance was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szymborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AUTHORIZING AN
AMENDMENT TO THE WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING "FINDINGS" OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS
INVESTAGTIONS
#2013-09
(FIRST READING)**

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to appoint John Austin as fire official for a two-year term. His motion was seconded by Ms. Szymborski. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
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Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szyborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**#106 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
APPOINTING FIRE OFFICIAL**

Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission. His motion was seconded by Ms. DiCarlo. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szyborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**#106 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
WITH THE NEW JERSEY MOTOR VEHICLE COMMISSION.**

Ms. DiCarlo made a motion to authorize the award of a Bid and execution of a Contract between the Township of West Deptford and True Blue, Inc. D/B/A/ Labor Ready Northeast, Inc. for Temporary Labor Services. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. Ms. DiCarlo explained that this is a continuation of last year's contract to be sure that they have labor. Mr. Cianfarini asked Mr. Totten for the number of responders. Mr. Totten said that there were two and the first then backed out due to litigation issues. The RFP was re-advertised and then there was only one respondent and that they are \$1.00 less per hour. Mayor Chintall asked about the terms of the contract and Mr. Ogozalek explained. The vote was as follows

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szyborski	Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick	Y
Mayor Chintall	Y

**#106 RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD
AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A BID AND EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST DEPTFORD AND TRUE BLUE, INC.
D/B/A/ LABOR READY NORTHEAST, INC. FOR TEMPORARY LABOR SERVICES.**

Mr. Cianfarini explained that he pulled an item from his agenda. It was the Audit Report. He needs more time to talk to the auditor and needs some questions answers.

Mr. Cianfarini made a motion for the removal of Water and Sewer Charges. His motion was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini	Y
Ms. DiCarlo	Y
Ms. Szyborski	Y

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Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick Y
Mayor Chintall Y

#109 RESOLUTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

Mr. Cianfarini made a motion for the removal of Water and Sewer Charges. His motion was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick. Ms. Szymborski asked if there would be checks and balances with the new software system eliminating the chance for a large discrepancy. Mr. Cianfarini explained the new system and how it operates. Information from a keypad would be uploaded directly to the system. Ms. Szymborski asked about budgeting for the devices and Mr. Cianfarini said this is included in a capital budget. The vote was as follows:

Mr. Cianfarini Y
Ms. DiCarlo Y
Ms. Szymborski Y
Deputy Mayor Kilpatrick Y
Mayor Chintall Y

#110 RESOLUTION FOR THE REMOVAL OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES

Mr. Cianfarini explained that the budget represented a 9¢ increase at the time of introduction. Mr. Cianfarini then made a motion to open the meeting to the public and it was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick and approved by the entire committee. Mayor Chintall explained that this was a continuation of the June 20th hearing. He also stated that the tentative date for the hearing on the amendment would be on July 25th.

Mrs. Carol Baker said that Mr. Rando was permitted to speak on the budget when it was not open to the public yet Ms. DiCarlo was not permitted to respond. She said that she has been to many meetings and have seen people cut off.

Mayor Chintall called for a motion to close the public portion however Mr. Cianfarini interrupted and addressed the Best Practice comments. He said that Mr. Holt is not sure where those comments came from and read from Mr. Holt's email allowing the surplus to be used. Mr. Cianfarini said that keeping money in the taxpayer's pockets was a good thing. He has received letters from businesses in town that are supportive. He told the public that if tax relief is disposable income to consider patronizing West Deptford businesses. Mayor Chintall then gave Ms. DiCarlo the opportunity to speak. Ms. DiCarlo said that she never said the use of fund balance is disallowed. She said that there is a spreadsheet on the state website and it cautions the committee in using fund balance. She said that the state asks that if they are using fund balance that the committee understands the three year projection and the impact on the town. She highlighted campaign literature from Mr. Cianfarini that stated that the township needed a long term plan; a 5-10-15 year fiscal plan. She said that these are things that have been discussed. She said that she has emails from Ms. Sprigman and the Financial Consultant expressing their concerns and cautioned against it. She also said that if the bond rating dropped, it will impact the township. She then asked Ms. Sprigman for a status on the five year analysis. Ms. Sprigman explained. Any "no" answers to the State's Best Practices are being worked on. Ms. DiCarlo then confirmed that they will not have the five year analysis before the budget is amended. Ms. Sprigman said that she will have three years done. She then said that she will have the five year analysis by the meeting on July 25th. Ms. DiCarlo then said that Ms. Sprigman said that she was taking a "no" on one of the State's Best Practice questions Mr. Rando asked Ms. DiCarlo how much she cut in her department's budget. Ms. DiCarlo told him that they came in flat. Mr. Rando then asked what was spent in labor in her department in 2011. Ms. DiCarlo said that there are multiple departments and she does not have those numbers in front of her.

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Mr. Rando then read from the article in the newspaper about the letter Ms. DiCarlo wrote to the state. Ms. DiCarlo outlined the steps taken to develop her budget. She then said that at the 11th hour, it changed. She stated that they wanted to get to zero, this was a math exercise and it is purposefully under-budgeted. Mr. Cianfarini referred to a presentation and said that since there was a 6% devaluation of homes, they were looking to cut 6% from the budget. He acknowledged that there was trouble with the software and a report could not be produced. He said that Ms. DiCarlo's department has a history of not spending its entire budget and sending some to surplus. He said that the township takes money from the residents to put in their coffers. Mr. Cianfarini then spoke about budgets from 2007 and said that the comments from the Financial Advisor did not discuss surplus with Mr. Campo or the CFO. He said they are trying to do the best for the people of the town. Ms. DiCarlo (told Mr. Rando) that the salary totaled 1.948 in her presentation. She also said that with Sunoco they needed to start building the surplus. She said that the roads need repair. She also said that \$200,000.00 could be taken from the budget for the Solicitor and put \$70,000.00 of it in to the budget for roads. She then remarked that this hearing was not on the amended budget so she would leave it at that. Mayor Chintall controlled the meeting. Mr. Ken Vogt said that the Best Practices are merely guidelines and in a perfect world you would follow them, but if the economic climate does not permit, you cannot do that. Ms. DiCarlo said that she is not disputing that but said that it is not going to cost them to do the five year analysis. She asked what will happen if the analysis shows increases in the future. It may seem good for the first year. Mr. Vogt said that he cannot raise his fees every time taxes are raised – the township needs to come to grips with spending habits. Mayor Chintall said that everyone has tightened their belts and the township has to do the same. He said there is a fundamental difference. Ms. DiCarlo said at the last meeting it was announced that there was a \$700,000.00 savings in insurance but there is an increase in the insurance in the budget. Mr. Cianfarini asked Ms. Sprigman to pull the invoices. She pulled the invoices and needs to put them in a spreadsheet. Ms. DiCarlo asked Mr. Cianfarini how he made the statement without the analysis. Mr. Cianfarini said he had a conversation with the insurance carriers. He said that previously Medicare claims were being paid through our insurance but should be done through Medicaid. He outlined the savings and said that they added up to his projections. He also explained the penalties paid to get out of the insurance contracts early. Ms. DiCarlo asked if there was savings, why was it not in the budget. Mr. Cianfarini said that they take effect on July 1st. Ms. DiCarlo said that the numbers are going the wrong way and insurance increased \$600,000.00 and cautioned Mr. Cianfarini about quoting things without an analysis. Mr. Cianfarini and Ms. DiCarlo disagreed on this subject. Mayor Chintall asked Ms. Sprigman about the police overtime. Ms. Sprigman said that it was included in the salary figure. It was not in a budget line item. Mayor Chintall informed everyone that police overtime had not been cut. Mr. Tim Patterson said that he had been close to losing his house as his wife lost her job. He said he would love a flat tax increase but he added that the township was very close to two major incidents – the Paulsboro train derailment and Hurricane Sandy. He asked if there was enough money available if there was a major problem. He also said that he is embarrassed by the antics of the committee being on the front page of the newspaper. He said that the committee needs to work together to figure things out and the behavior must stop. Ms. Szyborski asked Ms. Sprigman if the committee could have a date as to when the five year analysis would be complete. Ms. Sprigman will provide the five year analysis by July 25th. She said she would have the Insurance Spreadsheet by July 16th. Mr. Ernest Kraus gave examples of what the 9¢ increase would cost. He said that anyone who did not accept the flat tax rate could send their money to the township fund. Mr. Campo asked to respond to the comment made about him personally. Mayor Chintall said that he would have an opportunity to speak later during his comment section on the agenda.

Engineer:

No report.

Solicitor:

No report.

Administrator:

Mr. Campo addressed several statements made at the meeting. He said that statement that he was not complaining about the surplus in 2007 was completely not true. He said he has been complaining since he started. In 2007, there was zero dollars in surplus and it was a significant problem. He has spent the last six years building the surplus. He said since then progress has been made. He also addressed the statement that scare tactics were used about the credit rating. He said that he stands behind the facts. He also addressed the statement that was made that there are highly paid professionals that have no idea about the budget. He said that each year he has started out with no less than a seven figure deficit. He has passed seven budgets in very hard times, they did not default or miss any payments and built the surplus. He said that factually spending is flat – not “out of control” as was previously stated. He said that taking a large amount of surplus is not reducing expenditures. He asked how they committee intends to replace the 3.6 million dollars in surplus and 1.1 million of debt reserve spent in this year’s budget in next year’s budget. He then read from #7 in the State’s Best Practices. He then said that they are balancing this year’s budget with surplus that will not be there next year. He also said that each town’s surplus needs are different and other towns are not using 4.7 million dollars to balance their budget. He said that the township has a gap and until the gap is closed, there is a need for significant surplus. He also stated that if the committee is using 3.6 million dollars of surplus this year, how is \$700,000.00 sufficient for next year? He said the statements made were insults to his commitment or competence. Finally, he said that it is ok to disagree but there is no need to resort to insulting him.

Open Meeting to the Public:

Mayor Chintall opened the meeting to the public.

Mrs. Mary Iacopi-Schomber said that it is hard to give credibility when the township is in debt and told Mr. Campo that he was a part of it. Mayor Chintall controlled the meeting. She spoke about the comments made about the train derailment and said that she lives near a railroad and that these things happen every day. She then spoke about the previous year’s surplus and the surplus included in this year’s budget. Ms. Szymborski interrupted her and Mayor Chintall deemed her “out of order.”

Ms. Szymborski said that she is not going to sit there and let someone make comments about the administrator. She said it was a well-rehearsed dog-and-pony show and she is tired of it.

Mr. Rich Geiger said that the budgets constantly go up and value is going down. He works in Real Estate and is a 51 year resident. He defined surplus as the township taking more money from the residents than what was needed. He said they should take only what they needed plus some for contingency. He asked Mr. Cianfarini about the recent surpluses and Mr. Cianfarini outlined them for him. Mr. Geiger said that the township did not go bankrupt and that he can invest his money better than the township. He then asked Ms. DiCarlo why she did not cut her budget. Ms. DiCarlo told him that they were directed to keep it flat and she added that the township needs to maintain the roads. Ms. DiCarlo also said that she isn’t suggesting that the township spend more money but she is concerned about taking a large amount of savings and spending it. She said that the State Best Practices say that the committee needs to understand the long term impact on the town. She added that (previously) Mr. Cianfarini said that the township needs to be really concerned with debt. She also said that the money was not spent frivolously citing that in the Public Works budget they were 10% under and that money went to surplus due to the fact that Mr. Coates runs a tight ship. She continued to say that Mr. Cianfarini came up with the budget by himself and asked other members of the committee if they were involved. Ms. Szymborski said she was not. Mr. Geiger asked her if she would have cut her budget if Mr. Cianfarini did not do it. Mayor Chintall explained the budget process and said that

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the goal was to cut by 6%. Mr. Cianfarini said that he has e-mails asking for the 6% cuts and he received no cuts. He outlined the tax increases over the last few years and said that money was not spent prudently. He continued to share what he knows about the administrator's professionalism: he said that there was no General Ledger, insurance policies were not in the township building and performance assessments of employees could not be found. He also said that the Finance Director was signing off on documents as the CFO which violated the state statute. He said that there was total mismanagement of the township and informed everyone that there is now a General Ledger.

Mr. Wayne Klotz asked if there was still a fraud hotline. He was told that there is and there is no cost as it is an extension of the phone service. He asked if there have been fraud calls. Mayor Chintall told him that the line is monitored by the solicitor, administrator and police chief. He then asked how much Mr. Cimino has been paid to date. Mayor Chintall said that he did not have the numbers in front of him but that Mr. Klotz could fill out an OPRA form. He then asked about the surplus and asked if the committee could guarantee that there will be no tax increase next year.

Ms. DiCarlo said that many numbers quoted by Mr. Cianfarini are not really correct and that they need to compare apples to apples. She said that the spending over the last five years has been under control. She also reminded Mr. Cianfarini that when she was questioning Ms. Sprigman (at the last meeting) he gave her a gentle reminder that they should not attack employees at the meeting. She said it was unfair when he attacked the administrator and that he cannot discipline the employees and said he was out of line. She addressed Mayor Chintall and told him that he allowed this to happen and Mayor Chintall told her that he was not her Mayor as she did not vote for him. Ms. DiCarlo said that they can agree to disagree but added that he permitted Mr. Cianfarini to have the floor and it went over the top.

Mr. Sileo addressed Ms. Szymborski and said that at every meeting she talks to the residents from the dais and he apologized for lashing out at the zoning board. He said that there is utter disrespect and she promotes divisiveness. He said that his taxes are outrageous and that the township needs a meeting of the minds. He continued to say that he is angry about the cell tower and he is going back to court. He does not think the solicitor is paying attention at the zoning board meetings and the disrespect from him needs to end.

Ms. Eileen Kane said that she originally lived in West Deptford, moved away and then moved back 6 years ago. She said other towns do not have the amenities that West Deptford does. She asked why there was not an audit to see how the surplus is used. Mr. Cianfarini explained the Annual Financial Statement. She said that she is on the Board for her Condo Association and that \$700,00.00 was not enough for their 550 units and it is not enough for the township. Ms. DiCarlo also responded and explained.

Ms. Szymborski addressed Mr. Sileo and said that her opinion is that the speakers are rehearsed and politically motivated. She said that she is here to do a job and that she has never been in a corporate meeting and insulted anyone. She said that she asked for a meeting with the auditor for facts. She said that the solicitor told her that she did not vote for him and she questioned what that had to do with anything. She said she was disappointed in the Mayor for allowing this to happen. She then told Mr. Sileo that she did not think he was rehearsed.

Mr. Vincent Botta asked about the Little Theatre building. He said he would like to use it for entertainment. He was directed to meet with Mr. Campo and Mayor Chintall. Mr. Ley explained that Mr. Botta had asked him about the money available to refurbish the building and that the maintenance of buildings is not part of the Little Theatre allotment. Mr. Botta was told that the township is trying to start an adopt-a-park program so the township does not have to spend money for upkeep.

Mr. Edward had a request. He said his road is in deplorable condition. He would like the committee to visit Hillside Road. He said it is falling apart and that he spoke with a township

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official about 18 months ago. He would appreciate some help from the township. Mr. Campo said that they are aware of the condition of the road and are trying to get it into a DOT or Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Gary Kuehnappel asked the committee what they were calling fat in the budget. He said that there are less summer recreation programs, the residents pay more for sports and the leaf collection has been cut. He asked what will happen when the drains back up. He also asked about snowfall and again asked what is considered fat. He said that history shows that flat taxes do not work. Cuts alone and sequestration do not work. He said that what the committee is proposing is not saving the residents and that they will have to pay next year. He said that the township will be in perpetual debt and asked the business owners if they would prefer less taxes or more business. He said that good schools bring people to the township and that will make more money. He said that New Jersey is an expensive state and that West Deptford has more needs for the community. He said that he would rather pay more and have the services than see the town "go to pot." He said that this is not smart government.

Mr. Cianfarini made a motion to close the meeting to the public. It was seconded by Mr. Kilpatrick and approved by the entire committee.

Mayor Chintall called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Kilpatrick made a motion, a second was given by Ms. DiCarlo and approved by the entire committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Leso, RMC
Township Clerk