

TOWNSHIP OF EDGEWATER PARK  
MINUTES - MAY 6, 2010

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

**FLAG SALUTE**

**Open Public Meetings Act Statement**

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 231,  
P.L. 1975 THE CLERK READ THE STATEMENT:

Public Notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given by the Township Committee in the following manner:

- A. By posting written notice on the Official Bulletin Board at the Municipal Building 400 Delanco Road Edgewater Park, New Jersey on May 3, 2010.
- B. By e-mailing written notice to the Burlington County Times And Courier Post on May 3, 2010.
- C. By filing written notice with the Clerk of the Township of Edgewater Park on May 3, 2010.

Present: Mrs. Aimee Belgard, Mr. Darrell Booker, Mr. John McElwee, Mr. Joseph Pullion, Mayor Kevin Johnson (Committee Members)

Also present: Mrs. Linda Dougherty, Clerk/Administrator and Mrs. Margaret Peak, CFO

Defeated Edgewater Park School Budget for fiscal year 2010-2011

Mr. Scott Streckenbien, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Ray Coxe, Business Administrator, Mr. Stewart, Inverso and Stewart (Auditor) and members of the Edgewater Park School Board were present and provided a budget overview, reviewed minimum standards requirements, areas of efficiency, prior actions taken to reduce budget, capital improvement projects, etc.

Upon further discussion Township Committee thanked the Board of Education and representatives for attending the meeting. Committee further discussed that the township's municipal budget has been a very difficult task this year. Layoff negotiations are ongoing with various unions and employees with the township requesting concessions from township personnel.

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting to the public for comment:

*Mike Ianacone, 5 Framingham Road* discussed that he retired from the Edgewater Park School system after 25 years of service. Over the years he has seen a lot of changes including the expansion of administration and inadequacies of salary increase allotments. He feels that a salary freeze can be instituted; would like to see people work together to achieve results and maintain a quality education.

*Joe Derrico, 415 S Arthur Drive* discussed that he is not here to dispute the system. He personally experienced a decrease in income and feels that everyone should work together, including parents to resolve issues and maintain programs.

*Beth Watson, 122 Lafayette Road*, discussed that she is a teacher with the Edgewater Park School District and is close to retirement. Extra programs and after school activities such as art and summer band programs are ways in which children can express their creativity and hopes that the programs can be preserved.

*James Gleason, 234 Hendrickson Avenue* discussed that he has lived in Edgewater Park for over 15 years. He is proud of our schools and had four children go through the system. He thanked the teachers for their service and great job but their service is not the issue. He hopes everyone will work together and bargain in good faith to keep jobs and programs that Edgewater Park offers.

Hearing no other members of the public wishing to speak the Mayor closed this portion of the meeting to the public.

Upon discussion, Township Committee requested that Mrs. Peak and Mrs. Dougherty obtain from the school reports indicating reduction amounts related to salary freezes, 1.5% health care base salary giveback, unexpended funds in the tuition program and new intramural programs.

Mayor Johnson announced that the next meeting regarding the defeated School Budget will be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, Edgewater Park, Municipal Building. He thanked the Administration, Board of Education and residents for attending the meeting and providing input. Committee will review information presented for the next meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None**

**ADJOURN**

Moved by: Mr. Johnson                      Second: Mr. Booker                      Time: 9:25 PM  
Roll Call: Mrs. Belgard - yes, Mr. Booker - yes, Mr. McElwee - yes, Mr. Pullion –yes, Mayor Johnson-yes

*Kevin Johnson*

Kevin Johnson, Mayor

*Linda M. Dougherty*

Linda M. Dougherty, RMC/Administrator