

**TOWNSHIP OF UPPER
2100 TUCKAHOE ROAD
PETERSBURG, NJ 08270
CAPE MAY COUNTY
MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 29, 2016**

**SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP
COMMITTEE –6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

SUNSHINE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Palombo read the following statement into the record:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law, I wish to state that on February 25, 2016 the notice of this meeting of the Upper Township Committee was posted on the official Township Bulletin Board, mailed to the Cape May County Gazette, the Atlantic City Press, the Ocean City Sentinel-Ledger, the Herald Times and filed with the Township Clerk. Tonight's meeting is being video recorded and will be available on UTTV Channel 97 and on the Upper Township website. I hereby direct that this announcement be made a part of the minutes of this meeting.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Edward Barr	Present
John Coggins	Present
Jeffrey Pierson	Present
Hobart Young	Present
Richard Palombo	Present

Also present were Deputy Municipal Clerk Joanne Herron, Chief Financial Officer Barbara Spiegel, and Municipal Engineer Paul Dietrich.

1. **Discussion on proposed 2016 budget items.** The Committee completed their review and discussed at length the capital requests for the Department of Public Works. The outfall repair for Seacliff Avenue and the installation of ADA playground equipment at various Township playgrounds were also discussed. It was requested that an inventory be performed to see which Township playgrounds are able to have ADA compliant playground equipment installed. The cost of the equipment will be purchased from the operating expenses budget.

New information regarding the possible lease of a Rescue Squad ambulance was then discussed. The CFO stated that the purchase price of an ambulance has been estimated at \$300,000.00. The cost to lease would be over \$320,000.00 for a five year lease at 2.67% interest. The average useful life for an ambulance is five years. It was stated that it is more economical to purchase the ambulance from the bond, which typically gives a rate of less than 1%.

The CFO was directed to itemize all capital requests that have been approved and the matter will be placed on the next regular meeting agenda for a final review. The 2016 Budget will be scheduled for introduction on March 21, 2016, with the public hearing and final adoption on April 25, 2016.

There being no further discussion this evening the budget workshop was adjourned at 8:00 P.M., with a motion by Jeffrey Pierson and second by John Coggins. During roll call vote all five Committeemen voted in the affirmative. The next regular Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

Joanne R. Herron
Deputy Municipal Clerk