

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hipp at 8:00 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present:

Councilwoman Keyes
Councilman Genovesi
Councilwoman Inguanti
Councilman Sasso
Councilwoman Birdsall
Councilman DeSalvo

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Mayor Hipp asked those present to join him in a salute to the flag.

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The Borough Clerk read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law and confirmed that proper notice of the Special Meeting was posted.

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CFO Edward Cortright reviewed with the governing body the expenditure portion of the proposed 2009 municipal budget. They discussed in detail the expenditures including salaries, assumed percentage increases in line with ongoing contract negotiations and the pending PBA arbitration ruling. There was discussion on cost cutting measures including layoffs, furloughs, reduction in services such as once a week garbage collection, co-pays on health benefits, staff reduction, etc. There was discussion on the ENCAP taxes owed and the likelihood of receiving this money in 2009. There was discussion on the State's offer for deferral of pension payments and the status of State Aid which will probably be reduced from last year.

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Mayor Hipp opened the hearing to the citizens; as no one wished to speak the hearing was closed.

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Councilwoman Keyes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Inguanti and unanimously approved on roll call.

Borough Clerk