

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
MAYOR & COUNCIL
HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hipp at 3:08 p.m. with the following Councilmembers present:

Councilman Sommer
Councilwoman Inguanti
Councilman Sasso

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Councilman Genovesi – via telephone

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Councilwoman Keyes - absent
Councilman Fecanin – absent

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

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Councilwoman Inguanti read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. Mayor Hipp noted that notice of the Special Meeting was distributed by the Clerk's Office on Thursday, September 18, 2008 to the Bergen Record, NewsLeader, Herald News and the South Bergenite as well as being posted on the website and the Borough Bulletin Board.

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Councilwoman Inguanti made a motion to approve the amendment to the following Budget for 2008, seconded by Councilman Genovesi.

WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2008 was approved on the 4th day of March, 2008 and,

WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget,

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Rutherford, County of Bergen, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2008 be made:

Anticipated Revenues:

	From	To
3. Miscellaneous Revenues – Section B: State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations		
Legislative Initiative Municipal Grant	77,844	0
Extraordinary Aid	0	\$200,000
Consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief	618,260	533,609
Energy Receipts Tax	1,127,870	1,199,305
Municipal Homeland Security Assistance Aid	70,000	0
Municipal Property Tax Assistance	36,102	0
3.Total Section B – State Aid Without Offsetting Appropriations	1,982,318	1,985,156

Anticipated Revenues

3 Miscellaneous Revenues – Section F
Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of The Director of Local Government Services – Public and Private Revenues
Offset with Appropriations:

Clean Communities Program	2,821	22,379
Municipal Alliance on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse	0	13,500
NJ Meadowlands Commission:		
2008 Grant for Hybrid Vehicle	0	20,000
Felician College Donation for July 4 th	0	2,000
Bergen County Community Development – For Improvements to Grand Ave.	0	57,608
NJ Dept. of Environment Protection – Municipal Stormwater Grant	0	24,058
NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety	0	3,942
Total Section F: Special Items of general Revenue Anticipated with the Prior Written Consent of the Director – Public and Private Revenues	215,410	356,076

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ANTICIPATED REVENUES – CONTINUED

	From	To
3. Miscellaneous Revenue – Section G – Special Items of General Revenue anticipated with Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services: Other Special Items:		
Recycling Revenues – Fees and Permits	116,000	225,000
Joint Insurance Fund Dividend	0	2,750
Sale of Cellular Lease	400,000	333,000
Additional Interest on Delinquent Taxes	0	100,000
Premium on Tax Sale	0	7,600
 Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenues Anticipated With Prior Written consent of Director – Other Special Items	 1,359,777	 1,512,127
4. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	1,000,000	1,060,000
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	5,325,205	5,612,059
5. Subtotal General Revenues	6,575,205	6,931,059
6. Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget:		
a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	19,614,192	19,126,914
7. Total General Revenues	26,189,397	26,057,973

8. GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS

A) Operations Within Caps		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
General Administration		
Salaries and Wages	118,924	74,924
Municipal Clerk’s Office		
Salaries and Wages	218,640	165,254
Financial Administration		
Salaries and Wages	235,038	232,538
Assessment of Taxes		
Salaries and Wages	80,418	77,418
Police Department		
Salaries and Wages	4,562,959	4,572,920
Fire Official		
Salaries and Wages	132,377	129,877

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ANTICIPATED REVENUES – CONTINUED

	From	To
Fire Department:		
Other Expenses	270,241	280,951
Municipal Court		
Salaries and Wages	192,168	190,168
Public Works Department		
Streets and Road Maintenance		
Salaries and Wages	962,000	950,303
Recycling:		
Other Expenses	0	10,000
Employee Group Insurance	3,484,895	3,590,051
Construction Code Official		
Salaries and Wages	385,616	383,616
Total Operations – Item 8 (a) Within “Caps”	18,223,875	18,238,619
Total Operations Including Contingent Within “Caps”	18,225,875	18,240,619
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	10,045,825	9,934,703
Other Expenses	8,180,050	8,305,916
(H-1) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Within “Caps”	18,349,875	18,864,619
8. General Appropriations		
(A) Operations Excluded from “Caps”		
Insurance:		
Employee Group Insurance	105,156	0
Total Other Operations Excluded from “Caps”	3,916,827	3,811,671
Public & Private Programs Offset by Revenues:		
NJ Meadowlands Commission for Hybrid Vehicle	0	20,000
Clean Communities program for Roads – Salaries	2,821	22,379
Felician College for July 4 th	0	2,000
Bergen County Office of Drug & Alco. Dependency	0	13,500
Bergen County Community Development for Grand Ave	0	57,608
NJ Department of Environmental Protection for Municipal Stormwater Grant	0	24,058
NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Police Wages	0	3,942
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ANTICIPATED REVENUES – CONTINUED

	From	To
Total Operations Excluded from "Caps"	4,132,237	4,167,747
Detail:		
Salaries and Wages	21,438	44,938
Other Expenses	4,110,799	4,122,809
	4,132,237	4,167,747
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded from "caps"	6,282,946	6,318,456
(O) Total General Appropriations – Excluded From "Caps"	6,282,946	6,318,456
(L) Sub-total General Appropriations	25,132,821	25,183,075
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,056,576	874,898
9. Total General Appropriations	26,189,397	26,057,973

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for her certification of the Local Municipal Budget so amended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-9, be published in the Bergen Record in the issue of September 26, 2008 and said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at the Municipal Council Chambers at 7:30 PM on September 30, 2008.

The Borough Clerk read the following roll call: Councilwoman Inguanti, Councilman Genovesi and Councilman Sasso voted aye; Councilman Sommer voted nay.

Councilman Sommer commented he was aware of a lot of the work that goes into the budget and he knows there have been tremendous efforts accomplished over the months to try to keep them where they are. He wanted to put that acknowledgement out there.

As no further discussion was requested, the Clerk called the roll call; Councilman Genovesi, Councilwoman Inguanti and Councilman Sasso voted aye and Councilman Sommer voted nay. The Clerk announced since it was a 3 to 1 vote, it was not sufficient for passage of the budget.

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Mayor Hipp opened the hearing of citizens.

As no citizens wished to be heard, Mayor Hipp closed the hearing of citizens.

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There being no further business for the September 20, 2008 Special Meeting, Councilwoman Inguanti moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm, seconded by Councilman Sasso with all members present voting aye.

Borough Clerk