

The April 1, 2010 Emergency meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Petillo in the Municipal Building, 111 River Styx Road, Hopatcong, NJ 07843

Mayor Petillo announced this meeting is held in accordance with the 1975 Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-1 et seq., special notice having been forwarded to the New Jersey Herald/New Jersey Sunday Herald, the Daily Record, The Star Ledger, and posted on the bulletin board maintained in the Municipal Building for public announcements.

ROLL CALL - Councilmembers present: Howard Baker, Richard Bunce, Michael Francis, Madeline McManus & John Young. Absent - Marie Galate. Council President moved to excuse M. Galate from being absent, seconded by Bunce. The vote was unanimous.

Resolution for Closed session at 6:32 p.m. was moved by Bunce, seconded by Francis. Those present voted affirmative. Absent - Galate. Mayor Petillo informed those present that the discussion would pertain to the Borough Administrator Catherine Steinel and a Shared Services Agreement with Vernon Township.

Continue open at 6:49 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Administrator Position.

#155-10 Authorize Shared Services Agreement with Vernon Township for Administrator Catherine Steinel, moved by Council President Francis, seconded by Bunce. Roll Call Vote: **YES** - Francis, Bunce, Young & Baker. **NAY** - McManus. **ABSENT** - Galate.

#156-10 Authorize Mayor Petillo to begin search for new Borough Administrator, moved by Council President Francis, seconded by Young. Roll Call Vote: **YES** - Francis, Young, Baker, Bunce & McManus. **ABSENT** - Galate.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Meeting open to public for comments on items on the agenda for which no public discussion is provided. (Comments limited to 5 minutes). Louise Bagby of Stevens Trail asked why we were sharing services with Vernon Township. Mayor Petillo responded, because Vernon hired her as their Township Manager. Ms. Bagby said she thought that she had a contract with us. Mayor Petillo said she does, and Mrs. Steinel has agreed to work as an Interim for both towns, which gives us an opportunity to hire someone else without having to pay for an interim. Mrs. Bagby stated that she was surprised by this because she thinks Mrs. Steinel is a very good Administrator. Mayor Petillo agreed that she is a very good Administrator, and that everyone was surprised by this.

Mara Modes resides on Ithanell Road and requested that Mayor Petillo elaborate on the cost of this agreement. Mayor Petillo explained that the arrangement would consist of two months, Mrs. Steinel would spend certain days in Hopatcong and Vernon during this time; she would be available to Hopatcong to continue work on the 2010 Budget. The net cost of this arrangement is zero. Mrs. Steinel would be paid by Hopatcong for the first month and paid by Vernon for the second month.

Councilman Bunce moved to close the public comment period, seconded by Baker. Those present voted affirmative.

Councilmember Bunce moved to adjourn at 6:53 p.m., seconded by Baker. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted: