

**BOROUGH OF WOODLAND PARK
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL
HELD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2010**

A Special Meeting of the Municipal Council of the Borough of Woodland Park was held in the Mayor's Conference Room in the Municipal Building, 5 Brophy Lane, on November 29, 2010 and was called to order by Mayor Pat Lepore at 7:08 p.m.

- Present: Council President Kazmark, Councilman Spinelli, Councilwoman Gatti, Councilman DiDomenico, Councilwoman Pascrell, and Mayor Lepore
- Absent: Councilman Vargas

Albert Buglione, Municipal Attorney, was present.

Mayor Lepore stated that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Law P.L. 1975 c.231, notice requirements for this meeting were set forth detailing the time and place, with notice given to the public by posting a copy thereof on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and transmitting copies to the Mayor, members of the Council, Officers and to The Herald News of Woodland Park.

Discussions were held with reference to the following:

Discussion of potential new hires:

Police Department: Chief Galietti explained the need for additional personnel. Presently there are four police officers who are not available for assignment. One is in the police academy and three are out due to long term medical issues. The Chief further explained to the Mayor and Council what measures he has implemented to control overtime during this personnel shortage.

There is an opportunity to hire an individual who will be graduating from the Police Academy in early December, which would make this individual available for immediate assignment. Councilman DiDomenico asked if the lay off list, from other jurisdictions, has been reviewed. A discussion evolved amongst the Mayor, Council and Chief Galietti regarding the merits, from a personnel and financial prospective, of hiring the referenced academy attendee versus the hiring of an individual from the lay off list. The discussion ended with the commitment by the Mayor that he would review the municipality's financial ability (2011 budget) to hire an additional police officer.

Department of Public Works:

The Mayor articulated the need for additional personnel in this department. Following a discussion, it was concluded that a new employee will be hired effective December 15th, or sooner, if the employee is available to start.

Certified Tax Collector:

The Mayor articulated the various scenarios available to the municipality to replace the recently departed Certified Tax Collector (CTC). He stated that the municipality could hire a new full time CTC; or hire a non-certified person to run the day-to-day operations of the tax office combined with the hiring of a part time CTC; or a shared services agreement with a neighboring community. Discussion of the merits and pitfalls of each scenario was discussed. The Mayor tabled the discussion pending further review of the scenarios and further consideration of the individuals involved.

There being no further business to come before the Council, upon Motion by Councilman Spinelli, seconded by Councilman DiDomenico and unanimously passed on roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin V. Galland
Municipal Clerk

Pat Lepore
Mayor