

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 7, 2010

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Olson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting has been made in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-6 by forwarding the annual notice to the New Jersey Herald, the Township Journal, posting the agenda on the bulletin board located in the Council Meeting Room and the Township website and by filing same with the Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor Olson, here; Councilwoman Raffay, here; Councilman Rafferty, here; Councilman Thompson, here; Mayor Oscovitch, absent; Township Manager Joe Sabatini, Attorney Tom Collins and Municipal Clerk Doris Flynn were also present.

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION – Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilman Thompson, to go into executive session and adopt the below resolution at 7:10 p.m.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P. L. 1975, Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Byram, that the public shall be excluded from discussion of the following matters:

- Pending/Ongoing Litigation – PSE&G
- Contract Negotiations
- Attorney Client Privileged Information

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Minutes will be kept on file in the Municipal Clerk’s office, and once the matter involving the confidentiality of the above no longer requires that confidentiality, then the minutes shall be made public.

BYRAM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

Certification: I certify that the Byram Township Council adopted the foregoing resolution on June 7, 2010.

Doris Flynn
Municipal Clerk

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			X		
2nd				X	
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

Return to Public Session – Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilman Thompson to return to public session at 7:25 p.m. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

CALL REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING TO ORDER – Deputy Mayor Olson called the meeting back to order at 7:32 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Joe Sabatini recommended that the Council pull Resolution 69 – 2010. The supporting documentation was not provided at the time the packages were submitted. Motion by Councilwoman Rafferty, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to approve the agenda. All members were in favor.

COMMUNITY FORESTRY PLAN/NO NET LOSS PRESENTATION

Joe Sabatini provided a detailed summary of the plan and discussed the operational impacts to the Township.

Environmental Commission member Sue Wise and Todd Wyckoff of the NJDEP Forestry Program presented the plan to the Council and offered to answer any questions. Sue Wise did clarify that the Township does not have to adopt this plan to access the No Net Loss funds, but it does open up the opportunity for additional grants once the plan is adopted. Joe Sabatini followed up with the State and was told that while the plan is not needed to access the funds, in order to continue to receive the money under the grant, we have to be actively working on adopting the plan. If a town receives money from the No Net Loss Funds, the State likes to see a plan in place to maintain the trees.

Sue Wise stated that the benefit of the plan is to maximize the benefits of trees to the community and minimum the risk of public safety. It should protect the public from hazardous trees.

The tree inventory would not cover the heavily forested woodland growth. It is meant to be used in more suburban/commercial areas like the Village Center and Village Business Zone. The management plan only covers public lands, not private. The plan will protect the municipality from liability. The plan targets limited resources to be used in the most effective manner. We already use Township resources for some of the objectives outlined in the plan, and now it could be established as part of this program. The idea behind the management plan is to look at the bigger picture.

Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) Grants are annual competitive grants up to \$25,000 that could be used to implement goals and objectives from the plan. Councilman Rafferty asked if there was as cash match. Mr. Wyckoff stated there was not a cash match, it was a 1/3 in-kind match. The grant is based on the quality of the application, it is not based on size of the municipality.

Joe Sabatini reviewed the areas that he had concerns about, especially the impact on the employees. The DPW is already short-staffed and this plan would involve a lot of oversight by the superintendent of Public Works and/or his staff. Joe would have to provide overall oversight administratively. In these difficult budget times, he is always tasked with doing more with less.

Sue Wise discussed the opportunity to get CSIP grant funding. The grant money can be used for tree maintenance, public outreach, and replacing equipment or any other goals and objectives listed under the plan.

Councilman Rafferty stated that the plan is great but he feels this is something to entertain in better economic times. He cannot approve something that will cost the taxpayers more money. He stated that there are no guarantees that we would receive grant money.

DPW Superintendent Adolf Steyh stated that his major concerns are the impact to his department. He cannot meet the in-kind services from existing grants, and he doesn't know how his department could support this. The Township's chipper is 30 years old.

Mr. Wyckoff informed the Council that Byram is not required to have a shade tree ordinance to participate in the plan, although he does recommend it.

Deputy Mayor Olson asked what happens to the no net loss money. Sue Wise stated that the Council must sign the letter of intent that we are going to pursue the grant. There is approximately \$373,000 available in the No Net Loss Program for 1200+ trees.

Members of the Environmental Commission and Joe Sabatini did meet with a landscaper to discuss costs for purchasing and insuring tree replacement for a two-year period at a price of \$275.00 per tree. Joe Sabatini stated that this would have to go through the bidding process.

The plan covers liability and protects the volunteers and employees who are carrying out the goals and objectives, and gives an additional lining to the township.

Councilwoman Raffay asked if there are any risks of adopting the community forestry plan and then not being to meet the requirements of it. Todd Wyckoff stated the Township would be able to document in the annual accomplishment report what progress has been made or explain why the Township was not able to accomplish some goals and objectives due to budget constraints. As long as the Township documents this, the plan would not be in jeopardy.

Todd Wyckoff stated that 290 municipalities in the State have the plan or are working towards to it. In Sussex County there are 7 towns that have adopted a plan.

A new plan must be submitted every five years. There is a Green Communities Grant available that supplies the money for the writing the plans.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Raffay, seconded by Councilman Thompson to open to the public. All members were in favor

Barbara McLoughlin, 42 River Road, asked if Riverside Park was one of the areas targeted for tree plantings. Sue Wise stated yes.

Skip Danielson, 18 Hunter Lane, asked if anyone heard about the no-net loss for the current improvements to Route 206. He stated that COJohnson is a definitely a great place to plant trees. He also suggested planting trees on Open Space property that experienced heavy Hemlock blight.

Mark Gattuso, 32 Belton Street, asked if this plan affects private property. Sue Wise stated that at this time, the draft plan does not affect private property.

Motion by Councilwoman Raffay, second by Councilman Thompson, to close to public. All members were in favor.

In order for the NJDEP to approve the plan, Page 4 of the plan needs to be signed by the Mayor.

Joe Sabatini suggested that if the Council wanted to move forward on the plan, the Council could authorize the Manager to further review the plan with the Environmental Commission and make further modifications with budget constraints in mind.

Councilwoman Raffay made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Olson, to adopt the plan with further revisions made by the Manager. Deputy Mayor Olson opened it for discussion.

Councilwoman Raffay stated that she was doubtful before hearing the presentation tonight because she was worried about the impact to our budget, but she realized that we can do as little or as much as we want under this plan. She feels this is memorializing something that we are already doing and allows us the opportunity to obtain grant money to assist us.

Councilman Rafferty thanked the Environmental Commission for all the work they have done on this plan. He thinks it is a good plan but his only concern is the impact on the residents. He stated that he has listened to the Township Manager and Superintendent of the DPW state there will be a cost to the Township. He does not feel this is a necessity right now and that is why he will be voting no.

Councilman Thompson was concerned that we are opening ourselves up for budgetary impacts and the possibility of having tree ordinances that could hurt private property owners.

Deputy Mayor Olson thanked the Environmental Commission for all their hard work on the Community Forestry Plan. He heard tonight that the Township can commit to as much or as little as we want to get this project started. He was comforted by the fact that Mr. Wyckoff said that we can state in the annual accomplishment report that fiscal concerns caused us to not move the program forward at any given time. He feels it is a great plan and for these reasons he will be voting yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion		X			
2nd	X				
Yes	X	X			
No			X	X	
Abstain					
Absent					X

Tom Collins stated that the motion did not pass. Deputy Mayor Olson asked if there was anything that could be done to the program to make it acceptable to Councilman Thompson and Rafferty. Councilman Thompson stated that we are not getting any guarantees that this plan will not impact the budget.

After a lengthy discussion, Joe Sabatini stated that it is a good plan and he feels confident that he could continue to work with the Environmental Commission to tweak the plan further and focus strictly on what we are presently doing and keep the door open to the possible changes that the municipality may have to make.

A motion was made by Councilman Rafferty, seconded by Councilman Thompson to direct Joe Sabatini to meet with the Environmental Commission and possibly Todd Wyckoff to further modify the plan to see if they can come up with a plan that the Council will approve.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion			X		
2nd				X	
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

Councilwoman Raffay made a motion, second by Councilman Rafferty, to authorize the Mayor to sign the letter address to Rosa Yoo, Assistant Regional Forester, expressing the Township's interest regarding the No Net Loss funding. This is only a letter of intent, and an official motion from the Council would be needed to accept these funds.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion		X			
2nd			X		
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION I – Motion by Councilwoman Raffay second by Councilman Rafferty to open to the public. All members were in favor.

Mark Gattuso, 32 Belton Street, expressed concerns about 34 Belton Street and requested assistance from Council to get this property cleaned up. He submitted photos to the Council of the property, which showed the uninhabitable dilapidated dwelling and the property which has turned into a dumping ground. Mr. Gattuso also submitted pictures of properties in close proximity to 34 Belton Street, which are attractive homes in good condition. He read the letter he wrote into the record.

Joe Sabatini stated that the Township is fully aware of the issues with this property. There are two problems: the deterioration of the structure and the dumping of weeds and grass clippings by residents.

Attorney Tom Collins stated that we should let this go through the Municipal court. The next court date is June 29th.

Barbara McLoughlin, 42 River Road, stated that in 2004 she came before the Council and gave these same complaints. This has been on-going problem for many years.

Gerard Dericks, 31 Belton Street, provided the Council with 8 x 10 pictures of the abandoned structure. He expressed his concerns and stated that something needs to be done. This property brings down the values of the surrounding properties. Homeowners in the area work hard to keep their homes in good shape, and it's terrible to have to look at a property in such disrepair.

Richard Shernce, 22 Belton Street, stated that he has lived on Belton Street since 1972. He has never known this house to be occupied full time. The house is full of mold and stated it is a health hazard. Illegal contractors are dumping on this lot. Councilwoman Raffay suggested that they establish a neighborhood community watch and deliver flyers to residents to attempt to stop the dumping. Mr. Shernce asked if the police department could increase patrolling in hopes of preventing the dumping. Barbara McLoughlin stated that there are street reps that residents can report this to. Or, they can call the board and have the board deal with it.

Chief Ray Rafferty stated that a resident needs to call 347-4008 and tell them about an illegal contractor dumping, and they should write down the license plate.

Scott Knudsen, 42 Belton Street, expressed his concerns about the abandoned dwelling. He stated that kids could be hanging out in there and it's a health issue. He has lived there for 8 years and it has been unoccupied.

Barbara McLoughlin reported that the Riverside Park gazebo is in need of repair. Joe Sabatini stated that a girl scout with be doing a beautification project on Riverside Park for her gold award.

Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilwoman Raffay to close to the public. All members were in favor.

BILLS

Joe Sabatini recommended that the Council amend Bill No. 5944, 5955, and 5919. Councilwoman Raffay asked to pull Bill No. 5747. Councilman Rafferty, seconded by Councilman Thompson to approve the bills with the amendments. Councilman Rafferty recused from Bill No. 5954, Councilman Thompson recused from the following bills: 5738, 5768, 5769, 5737, 5767, 5948, 5981, 5736, 5389, 5611 and Councilwoman Raffay recused from Bill No. 5143.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovich
Motion			X		
2nd				X	
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -

May 10, 2010 Regular Minutes – Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilwoman Raffay, to approve the minutes as presented.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovich
Motion			X		
2nd		X			
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

May 17, 2010 Regular Minutes – Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilman Thompson to approve the minutes as presented. Councilman Rafferty recused from first 10 minutes.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Oscovitch
Motion	X				
2nd			X		
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

REPORTS

Manager's Report

NJMMA Spring Conference:

- The Manager attended the NJ Municipal Manager's Association Spring Conference on Wednesday, May 26. Topics included:
 - Labor Relations – Update of PERC (Public Employment Relations Commission) Cases.
 - Evolving Local Government in NJ – how to do 'Less with Less', how to reduce costs and survive.
 - Management of police departments in time of reduced resources so as to maintain essential mission of the department.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation Municipality Specific Sessions:

- The Chief of Police and Manager met in a One-on-One Project Planning Sessions with representatives from federally-funded consultant firm James Lee Witt Assoc. on Tuesday, June 2.
- The purpose of the meeting was to complete Pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning and review what projects each community would like to place on the table for planning purposes.
- Once the plan has been certified by NJ OEM and FEMA, the Mayor and Council will be provided a resolution to adopt accepting the plan as yours in compliance with the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Meeting with County Shared Services Coordinator (Keith Armstrong) and the County Fleet Manager (John Bazelewich):

- The Superintendent of Public Works and the Manager met with the County Shared Services Coordinator and the County Fleet Manager to discuss a shared services agreement that will allow the Township to utilize the County Fleet Services for mechanic work that is beyond the scope of the Township's mechanic or facilities.
- It is anticipated, we can save upwards to 50% or more in labor costs by utilizing the County.
- The Manager anticipates having an agreement available for adoption by the Mayor and Council at our next meeting.
- This is an optional service should we chose to utilize.

Reminder – June 21 meeting is being cancelled. Next regularly scheduled meeting will be the Township Reorganization meeting on Tuesday, July 6.

Councilman Thompson

- Thanked everyone for their participation in the Memorial Day Parade. All the children had a great time riding on the trucks.

Councilman Rafferty

- Thanked everyone who organized the Memorial Day Parade and Veteran's Memorial Day Service. They were great events.

Councilman Olson

- Open Space committee had a field meeting and walked the Jones Lanes fields and Johnson Lake Dam area and looked at interconnection possibilities.

- The Environmental Commission will meet on June 24th at 7:30 p.m.
- Friends of Waterloo was a fantastic event – thanked everyone involved
- Veteran’s Service – great turnout – each year more and more people attend. Lots of fun was had by everyone at the Memorial Day Parade.

Councilwoman Raffay

Planning Board –

- Planning Board has met twice since our last council meeting, May 20 and June 3. No new information to discuss--just some basic variances and property setbacks.
- There will be no second meeting for the month of June and our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 8pm.

Sign Committee-

- The sign ordinance committee has met twice since our last council meeting to work on closing some of the gaps in our town’s sign ordinance.

Friends of Waterloo

- Friends of Waterloo Village had a highly successful Fundraising Kick-off Breakfast on May 27 at the Meeting House at Waterloo Village. The event was attended by 100 people. It was taped for SECTV and covered by the Star-Ledger, the New Jersey Herald and the Township Journal. It was picked up by the AP as well, which was a big goal of ours. We are still working on incorporating for our non-profit status and see that happening quickly as we move through all the legalities of the paperwork. Thank you to all who attended and helped support the event. Particularly Shop-Rite, SALT, and Calico Country Flowers who helped with significant donations to make the event a success.

Sussex Co. Transit Citizens Advisory Committee

- Just a reminder, for those who are interested in hearing more about the Sussex Transit, there is a public meeting on June 16 at noon in the Freeholder meeting room in Newton. The committee and county officials would like to hear what you have to say about your experiences with the transit system.

Memorial Day Events

- Thank you to the Cub Scouts from Pack 276 for including us in the dedication of their centennial tree on Memorial Day. They placed an engraved marker in front of a tree near the entrance to the Mansfield bike path that one of the dens planted recently.
- Thank you to the Byram VFW for their Memorial Day service to honor those who died in service to our country.
- And finally, thank you to the Byram Fire Department for including us in their parade and for providing the popular fire truck rides and hot dogs after the event.

Mayor Oscovitch

Deputy Mayor Olson read Mayor Oscovitch’s report.

- May 18th – Mr. Sabatini and Mayor Oscovitch attended the Byram Township Senior Citizens luncheon at the Lafayette Village. Mr. Peter Bahr was honored as the Byram Senior of the year.
- May 19th – Councilman Rafferty, Mr. Sabatini, DPW Superintendent Adolf Steyh and Mayor Oscovitch met with officials from DEP, DOT and Sussex County to discuss issues with the Sussex Branch Trail north of Whitehall road.
- May 26th- Attended the Dare graduation for the Byram 5th grade class. Detective Duffy as usual did a great job.
- May 27th- The Friends of Waterloo Village had its kick off breakfast. It was a huge success. Over 100 people attended and was well covered by numerous media outlets. Attended the DARE graduation picnic. The Police Dept. did a great job with this event.
- May 31st – Attended Cub Scout Pack 276 100 yr tree dedication in honor of 100 yrs of scouting. Attended the Memorial Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial. This event gets bigger and bigger every year. Special thanks to Steve Tesori of Steve’s Sussex County Landscaping for making sure the Memorial looked nice for the event. Steve does this every year. Also, thanks to Nesters Nursery for donating plants for the event as well. Attended the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Special thanks to the Byram Fire Dept. for running such a great event, and to the CLCC for allowing us to assemble on their beach.
- June 6th – Attended the Eagle Court of Honor for Thomas Healy. Mayor Oscovitch presented Thomas with a plaque from the Mayor and Council. Thomas is a Cranberry Lake resident and attends Pope John High School.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items with an (*) are considered to be routine by the Members of the Township Council and will be enacted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a citizen or Council member so requests in which event the item may be removed from the general order of business and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

- A. Resolution No. 66-2010 – Tax Sale Redemptions - #08-00030 and #20009-017
- B. Resolution No. 67-2010 – Execution of Clerical Contract between Byram Township and OPEIU Local 32 from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012
- C. Resolution No. 68-2010 – Authorizing the Conduct of the Closing and the Execution of Required Documents Associated with Block 335, Lot 1.04 by and between the Township of Byram and Patricia and William Heitman
- D. Resolution No. 70 -2010 – 2010/11 Liquor License Renewal – Byram Beverage Inc./Trading as Shop Rite Liquors
- E. Resolution No. 71-2010 – 2010/11 Liquor License Renewal – WGB Properties, LLC
- F. Resolution No. 72-2010 – 2010/11 Liquor License Renewal – June M. Wallace, trading as Tomahawk Lake
- G. Resolution No. 73-2010 – 2010/11 Liquor License Renewal – BBG Restaurant LLC, trading as NJ Bar and Grill West
- H. Resolution No. 74-2010 – 2010/11 Liquor License Renewal – The Pink Elephant of Cranberry Lake, trading as Golden Nugget Saloon
- I. Resolution No. 75-2010 – Acknowledgement and Acceptance of Resignation of Fire Fighter
- J. Resolution No. 76-2010 Authorizing the Execution of Memorandum of Understanding for the Limited Online Access Program between New Jersey Motor Vehicle and Byram Township

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor Osciwich
Motion		X			
2nd			X		
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain			*		
Absent					X

*Councilman Thompson recused from (I) Resolution No. 75-2010

ORDINANCES – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 7 – 2010

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 7-2010 entitled “**BOND ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$425,000, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS OR PURPOSES AUTHORIZED TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM, IN THE COUNTY OF SUSSEX, NEW JERSEY**” be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon. Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilman Thompson to open the public hearing. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Skip Danielson, 18 Hunters Lane, asked what items were being covered under the bond ordinance. Joe Sabatini review all the items covered under this bond ordinance.

Motion by Councilman Rafferty, seconded by Councilwoman Raffay, to close to the public.

Motion made by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilman Thompson to adopt Ordinance 7-2010.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor O'scovitch
Motion	X				
2nd		X			
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Ordinance be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Final Passage of said Ordinance be published in the official designated newspaper according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 8 – 2010

BE IT RESOLVED that Ordinance No. 8-2010 entitled “**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE APPENDIX OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM CHAPTER A8286 ENTITLED “CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE” TO GRANT MUNICIPAL CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF A FRANCHISE TO SERVICE ELECTRIC CABLE T.V. OF NEW JERSEY, INC. TO CONSTRUCT, OWN, OPERATE, EXTEND AND MAINTAIN A CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BYRAM, COUNTY OF SUSSEX, SETTING FORTH CONDITIONS ACCOMPANYING A GRANT AN EXTENSION OF SAID MUNICIPAL CONSENT AND PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND USE OF SAID SYSTEM** be read by title on second reading and a hearing held thereon. Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilwoman Raffay to open the public hearing. All members were in favor. Motion carried. No comments were made. Motion by Councilman Rafferty, second by Councilman Thompson to close to the public.

Motion made by Councilman Raffay, second by Councilwoman Raffay to adopt Ordinance 8-2010.

COUNCIL MEMBER	Councilman Olson	Councilwoman Raffay	Councilman Rafferty	Councilman Thompson	Mayor O'scovitch
Motion	X				
2nd		X			
Yes	X	X	X	X	
No					
Abstain					
Absent					X

BE IT RESOLVED, that said Ordinance be passed on final reading and that a Notice of Final Passage of said Ordinance be published in the official designated newspaper according to law.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Payment in Lieu of Taxes Program (**PILOT**) – Joe Sabatini summarized this program. The Governor is going to be cutting back on this program by at least 30%. In 2009, Byram Township received \$66,734 and \$62,880 in 2010. We are at risk in losing approximately \$20,000. Joe Sabatini has had staff look into this program, and it was discovered that Byram is not getting credited appropriately. We may get an increase.

Deputy Mayor Olson would like to talk to the Open Space Committee and Michelle Buyers

Joe Sabatini announced that he received notification of a workshop on June 18th sponsored by Geraldine Dodge Foundation and asked if anyone was interested in attending.


Participation II – Motion by Councilwoman Raffay, second by Councilman Rafferty to open to the public. All members were in favor. No comments were made.

Councilman Rafferty made a motion, seconded by Councilman Thompson, to close to public. All members were in favor.

ADJOURN

On the motion by Councilman Thompson, second by Councilwoman Raffay, and with all members in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.


Doris Flynn, RMC


Scott Olson, Deputy Mayor