

**MINUTES
BOROUGH OF NEW MILFORD
7:00 PM SPECIAL SESSION
Monday, May 10, 2010**

PUBLIC SESSION:

Councilman Arthur Zeilner	Present
Councilman Keith Bachmann	Present
Councilwoman Randi Duffie	Present
Councilman Howard Berner	Present
Councilwoman Ann Subrizi	Present
Council President Michael Putrino	Present
Mayor Frank DeBari	Present

Also present: S. G. Moscaritolo, Borough Attorney; Christine Demiris, Administrator/Clerk; Steven Wielkotz, Borough Auditor.

Mayor DeBari called the meeting to order, asked for a moment of silent prayer and/or reflection, and led the flag salute. Mayor DeBari read the Open Public Meeting Law and Mission Statements and pointed out the fire exits in the Council Chambers.

The Mayor stated the purpose of the meeting is to hold a public hearing on the introduced budget and to adopt an ordinance to exceed the appropriation limits and establish a cap bank.

The Mayor stated the budget, as introduced represents an increase of \$232 per household on the average home. He stated the Borough lost approximately \$415,000 in state aid which equates to \$88 of the increase. He stated that approximately \$54 can be attributed to health benefit increases and \$80 - 90 is for the pension deferral. He stated a tax point is \$41.41 per \$197,500 per household.

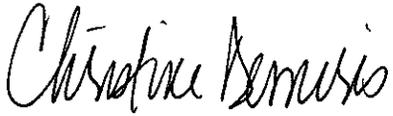
Mr. Wielkotz said it was his understanding that the finance committee is still working on making adjustments to the budget in an effort to bring down the increase. Mr. Wielkotz said the state has reviewed the budget and that there have been some grants received and additional down payment money needed for capital improvements; these amendments will be made prior to the adoption of the budget. He added there will be no formal action on the budget tonight and noted the battle continues in Trenton on whether or not all of the state aid will remain cut. He said he would expect there would be one amendment to the introduced budget and anticipates the adoption in July. He noted that if there is no change greater than 10% in any single appropriation the Council can amend and adopt the budget on the same night without a second advertisement or a second public hearing.

Mr. Wielkotz explained there would be a resolution and a calculation for the meeting on the 24th to send out estimated third quarter tax bills. He stated this would be necessary to avoid issuing a Tax Anticipation Note, which would be much more expensive. He said the calculation would be based upon the number certified by the Council for the Board of Education, the introduced municipal budget, and an estimated number for the County taxes.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business before the Council, Councilman Berner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Zeilner seconded the motion. All present in favor, none opposed. Time 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Demiris".

Christine Demiris
Borough Clerk