

SPECIAL MEETING

November 15, 2019

A special meeting of the Township Committee of Oxford Township was held on November 15, 2019 in the Oxford Township Municipal Building, 11 Green Street, Oxford, New Jersey

In attendance were Gerald Norton, Robert Nyland, Bill Ryan, Township Committee, Richard Wenner, Attorney, and Sheila L. Oberly, Municipal Clerk.

The flag salute was recited.

Mayor Ryan called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

The Mayor stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss shared services for the Municipal Clerk's position with Washington Borough.

Mayor Ryan stated that the Committee has received a copy of the agreement that was approved last night by Washington Borough. He asked the Committee if they were comfortable with it?

Mr. Nyland answered "I think I am, we aired out our concerns at the last meeting."

Mr. Norton answered "Wait a minute to double check, yes, move forward, I am fine with it"

Mayor Ryan stated that since the meeting wasn't advertised that action could be taken, the Committee is just going to move forward with it."

Mr. Wenner stated "Last night, Washington Borough considered the agreement, it has been modified as per our request, we asked for some changes this morning, that Washington Borough made and that is the agreement before you. This agreement before you will be considered again by Washington Borough at the appropriate time."

Mr. Wenner also stated "That this agreement will be made available two weeks prior as per the statute, given to Sheila, the Clerk to place in her office. On the 11th of December, after the public hearing, if the Committee wants to adopt it, we will adopt a resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement."

Mr. Wenner said "Going forward for the Township's purposes, we now need to, if everyone is okay with the agreement, which you are, I hear no objections, this will be available to the public and the affected employees, two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing. We will have a meeting on December 11th, a public hearing and at that time, any members of the public will be free to ask any questions, obviously the employees as well and an explanation will be given if anyone has questions regarding the agreement. Just wanted to clear that up."

Mayor Ryan asked, "Changes were made but no material changes to the actual agreement?"

Mr. Wenner answered "That is Correct."

Mayor Ryan asked, "Just putting in the proper wording?"

Mr. Wenner answered, "Correct."

Mayor Ryan asked Mr. Wenner if he had all the information to send out a letter.

Mr. Wenner replied, "yes, we will send out a letter."

Mr. Nyland asked if a motion should be made to accept."

Mr. Wenner stated a motion cannot be made because the meeting was advertised as just a discussion."

The Mayor opened the meeting to Public Comment.

Bonnie Riley asked when does the agreement become effective?

Mr. Wenner answered, "If adopted, would take effect January 1, 2020.

Keith Gibbons asked the cost of the savings of the shared service.

Mayor Ryan stated "\$60,000.00. For the Clerk's position it is \$23,000.00. The whole shared service agreement, Clerk, Administrator and Deputy Clerk is \$60,000.00. The Clerk position is a savings of \$23,000-\$24,000. On the 11th of December, we will have the public hearing on it"

End of Public Comment.

On motion by Mr. Nyland, seconded by Mr. Norton and passed unanimously on roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 PM

Sheila L. Oberly, RMC

