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**March 1, 2005
Special Meeting**

A Special Meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Rawlyk presiding.

Also present at the meeting were Committeeman Burke and Zdepski, C.F.O. Laudenbach and Clerk MacConnell. Following the salute to the Flag Mayor Rawlyk read aloud the following:

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by telefaxing of the notice in the Delaware Valley News on March 10, 2005 and by telefaxing copies of the notice to the Express times, Courier News and Star Ledger on March 7, 2005. Copies of the notice were also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Baptistown Post Office on March 7, 2005.

In order to ensure full public participation in this meeting, all members of this Committee or Board, and also members of the public are requested to speak only when recognized by the Chair so that there is no simultaneous discussion or over-talk, and further, all persons are requested to utilize the microphones which are provided for your use by the Township. Your cooperation is appreciated.

INTERVIEWS FOR TOWNSHIP TAX ASSESSOR

There were a total of six applicants that applied for the Tax Assessors position. Three were chosen to be interviewed. The interviews began at 6:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. Kathleen Degan, 9 Greystone Avenue, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865

The Committee members noted that they reviewed Kathleen Degan's resume. The Committee members proceeded to ask Mrs. Degan several questions about her experience as a Tax Assessor. There was a discussion about the Township not being interested in a revaluation of properties, and if it would be best to have a reassessment of all properties in the Township or a revaluation. The Committee members would like to know what this would cost and if it is needed. Mrs. Degan responded, by suggesting a reassessment over a two to three year period may be the way to go.

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Mrs. Degan reviewed her experience and explained that she has been a Tax Assessor since 1990. She noted that she has a lot of experience in tax appeals.

There was a discussion about the other towns, which Mrs. Degan works for, and if she could work certain hours for Kingwood. Mrs. Degan noted that she had no problem working evenings for the Township. The Committee members thanked Mrs. Degan for coming to the interview to meet and speak with them.

6:30 P.M. Barbara Flaherty, 30 Maple Street, Somerville, NJ 08876

The Committee members noted that they reviewed Barbara Flaherty's resume. The Committee members proceeded to ask Mrs. Flaherty several questions about her experience as a Tax Assessor. Mrs. Flaherty explained that she is a licensed appraiser, and has a appraisal firm with her husband in Somerville NJ. She has been in the field a very long time. She has had her tax certification since 1995. She is experienced with working with Vital Computer. Mrs. Flaherty noted that she would have no problem working in the late afternoon or evenings. The Committee members asked Mrs. Flaherty about her opinion of a revaluation or a reassessment for the Township. She feels that a revaluation will be very costly, but a reassessment will need a lot of staff to conduct all of the inspections. Mrs. Flaherty noted that she is available to start immediately. The Committee members thanked Mrs. Flaherty for coming to the interview to meet and speak with them.

7:00 P.M. Bernard Murdoch, 301 Grand Avenue, Hackettstown, NJ 07840

The Committee members noted that they reviewed Bernard Murdoch's resume. The Committee members proceeded to ask Mr. Murdoch several questions about his experience as a Tax Assessor. Mr. Murdoch proceeded to explain about his experience and worked in many different towns. There were questions to Mr. Murdoch on how he would handle farmland assessment. Mr. Murdoch responded. He noted that he works full time, five days a week in other towns. He would be able to work two hours per week for Kingwood Township. Mr. Murdoch was also asked about the revaluation and the reassessment. He responded. He is available to start immediately and is agreeable to the salary.

The Committee members will discuss the applicants at the Township Committee meeting following the present meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Zdepski and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Cynthia L. Keller, RMC
Deputy Clerk**