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May 3, 2005

A Special Meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee was called to order at 7:06 P.M. with Mayor Rawlyk presiding.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Burke, Committeeman Zdepski, Clerk MacConnell and Deputy Clerk Brown. Following the salute to the Flag, Mayor Burke read aloud the following:

NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publication of the notice in the Delaware Valley News on April 28, 2005 and the Express Times on January 10, 2005 and by telefaxing copy of the notice to the Courier News and Star Ledger on April 22, 2005. Copies of the notice were also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Baptistown Post Office on April 22, 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.

Laura Hartner Superintendent and Roberta Beriont Business Administrator of the Kingwood Township were present at the meeting. They were here to discuss the defeated local school budget.

Mayor Rawlyk welcomed both Mrs. Hartner and Mrs. Beriont. Mr. Zdepski asked how the large double classrooms are being used. Mrs. Hartner responded. Mr. Burke asked for clarification of wording in a letter the Township received from the County Education Office. Roberta Beriont responded and stated that the CEPA Act of 1996 was established to fund a certain amount of money towards schools. It can not be less than the local share required by CEPA.

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She stated that the Kingwood School is over the standards for thorough and efficient education. Mayor Rawlyk asked Mrs. Beriont where the budget could be cut without doing too much damage. Mrs. Beriont responded and explained that she has looked at their state aid and it has remained flat, and enrollments have gone up. She then proposed to take out capital projects for a 5% tax increase instead of 8% tax increase, while also adding thirty three students new this year. Mr. Zdepski feels that the proposed \$215,100.00 would be taken out anyway and he would like to see another \$125,000.00 taken out at least. The school would be looking at a 4% increase. Mrs. Hartner commented on the increase of new students this year. After a lengthy discussion the Township Committee asked the school to cut the amount of \$300,000.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Zdepski and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 P.M.

The following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-53

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF
THE TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD, IN THE COUNTY OF
HUNTERDON AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, IN REGARD
TO CERTIFICATION OF THE LOCAL TAX LEVY FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Kingwood Township School District presented to voters at the annual school election held on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, a question concerning the tax levy requirements for the said Board of Education for the General Fund for the ensuing school year (2005/2006), in the amount of \$4,586,709; and

WHEREAS, the voters of the Township of Kingwood defeated the General Fund question by the following votes:

212 ayes

428 noes

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WHEREAS, the said Board of Education transmitted the Budget for the 2005-06 school year to the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood on April 22, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood thoroughly reviewed the Budget and related information as presented by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, a joint meeting of the representatives of the Kingwood Township Committee and said Board of Education was held on May 3, 2005 to discuss the Budget as submitted by the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given by the Township to the information received from said Board of Education and the discussion which ensued, with a view toward providing a thorough and efficient system of education in the school system of said Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, in the County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey and Board of Education have agreed to the following reductions in the general fund totaling \$300,000.00;

12-000-400-932	Capital Outlay	215,100.00
11-130-100-101	Salaries Teachers	39,520.00
11-000-291-270	Health Benefits	2,000.00
11-401-100-100	Salaries Co.	
	Curricular	5,000.00
11-190-100-610	General Supplies	8,380.00
11-000-221-320	Purchase Prof.	
	Educ. Serv.	20,000.00
	Total	\$ 300,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to certify, by May 19, 2005 to the Hunterdon County Board of Taxation, the Hunterdon County Superintendent of Schools, the Township Assessor, the Division of Local Finance of the Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey, the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Kingwood, the Board of Education of the Kingwood Township School District, and to any other parties required by law to receive such certification, that the amount of \$4,286,709.00 is necessary to be raised by

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taxation for the General Fund, for the ensuing school year (2005/2006);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Township Clerk to the persons and/or departments herein named, for certification purposes.

It was moved by Mr. Zdepski, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Roll Call Vote:	AYE	- Burke, Zdepski, Rawlyk
	NAY	- None
	ABSTAIN	- None
	ABSENT	- None

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Zdepski and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

Respectfully submitted,

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