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**April 9, 2008  
Regular Township Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

A Regular Meeting of the Kingwood Township Committee was called to order at 5:30 P.M. with Mayor Augustine presiding.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Burke, Committeewoman Niemann, Attorney Sharon Moore, C.F.O. D. Laudenbach, Clerk MacConnell and Deputy Clerk Brown. Following the salute to the Flag, Mayor Augustine 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 and the Express Times on March 27, 2008 and by telefaxing copies of the notice to the Courier News and Star Ledger on March 25, 2008. Copies of the notice were also posted in the Kingwood Township Municipal Building and Baptistown Post Office on March 25, 2008.**

**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.**

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Board Secretary Christina Sharky and Superintendent Dr. Thomas Butler were present at the meeting to review their proposed 2008 – 2009 school budget. Dr. Butler reviewed the major expenses, expansions, options, and repairs that need attention. They explained that their goal is to keep the tax levy down. Also reviewed was an overview of how they have saved funds. Dr. Butler explained how he enjoys working with everyone at the school and state, that it is a great school. He also gave an overview of the SAT scores. The Township Committee thanked Ms. Sharky, and Dr. Butler for their review of their proposed budget.

**KINGWOOD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION** – Ms. Laura Hartner, Superintendent and Roberta Beriont, Business Administrator were present. They presented to all a powerpoint presentation. They explained to the Committee that they feel they have a lean budget this year. Mrs. Beriont reviewed an out line of their budget and the financial aspects. She explained that their programs have pretty much stayed the same and haven't expanded. The Committee thanked Ms. Hartner and Mrs. Beriont for their presentation of the Kingwood Schools proposed budget.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Letter from B. Gessner, Kingwood Merry Mixers re: Outstanding Job by Rose Dipple**

Mayor Augustine reviewed.

**Statement and Sample Resolution from N. Nichols, TCTANJ re: Opposing S-1455 Consolidation of Tax Services**

Tax Collector/CFO Laudenbach commented on tax services.

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 58**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1455 calls for a referendum to consolidate the Municipal Tax Assessor, Municipal Tax Collector, Municipal Health Services and Municipal Animal Control Services at the County, and;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1455 does not give the municipality any option if the County voters cast a majority to consolidate; and;

**WHEREAS**, consolidation would cause unnecessary hardship on citizens who rely on the Municipal Tax Office for information and assistance, particularly the community's senior citizen who depend on tax offices for assistance in completing tax freeze and rebate forms. Without proper study there is no proof that consolidation will save any public money, and;

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1455 calls for a master plan for the consolidation of the tax assessment and tax collection functions after enactment of the proposal thus failing to provide voters with a factual basis on which to make a decision on the referendum, and;

**WHEREAS**, current state statutes place responsibility for tax assessment and tax collection under municipal jurisdiction, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is the municipalities responsibility to collect all property taxes due and distribute same to the other taxing authorities, as well as enforcing laws on delinquents, and;

**WHEREAS**, current statute provide for the reserve for uncollected taxes to be included in the municipal budget;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey does hereby oppose the passage and enactment of Senate Bill 1455.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a certified copy of this resolution be sent to Senate President Richard Codey, Senator Ronald Rice, Chairman of the Community & Urban Affairs Committee and Senator Leonard Lance representing this district as a sign of our opposition to this proposal.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Letter Requesting Donation and Participation in Municipal Coalition to Petition COAH**

Mayor Augustine read letter aloud. Committee noted there is no money at this time to be donated.

**Letter from Cty Freeholders requesting Resolution re: County Wastewater Management Planning Agency**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 59**

**SUPPORT OF COUNTY WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING AGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders is considering the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection request to become the County Wastewater Management Planning Agency; and

**WHEREAS**, a \$100,000 grant opportunity to assist in completing the plan is available to the County should they accept this responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Kingwood is in acceptance of the responsibility for preparing its own Plan, which will serve as one chapter in the final County document in the process of completing a county-wide Wastewater Management Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey hereby supports the County of Hunterdon to take on the responsibility of becoming the County Wastewater Management Planning Agency for Hunterdon County.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Memo from M. Capabianco, Hunterdon Shared Servs Coord. requesting Resolution re: Cty to Study Feasibility of Animal Control Shared Services**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 60**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE HUNTERDON COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A COUNTY-WIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SHARED SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood hereby requests the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders to collaborate with the Hunterdon County Shared Services Coordinator to conduct a feasibility study for county-wide animal control services; and

**WHEREAS**, Hunterdon County has successfully implemented county-wide, cost-effective shared services such as administration of the Health Officer position that has resulted in the saving of taxpayer dollars and the reduction of redundancy of the service; and

**WHEREAS**, Hunterdon County has successfully implemented county-wide, cost-effective shared services such as administration of the 911 Dispatch that has resulted in the saving of taxpayer dollars and reduction of the redundancy of the service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Shared Services Coordinator, through meetings and surveying municipalities has identified animal control services as a requested and possible shared service; and

**WHEREAS**, many municipalities throughout the County are struggling to provide animal control services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood believes that long-term tax savings and improved service delivery may be obtained by sharing animal control services; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed State municipal budget cuts will impact The Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood and possibly some services The Township Committee provides to its residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the State has proposed allocating \$32 million in SHARE grant funding to study and implement shared services such as county-wide animal control; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood desires the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders to seek funding through the proposed State’s SHARE allocation to conduct the feasibility study; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, that we request the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders to collaborate with the Hunterdon County Shared Services Coordinator to begin the process of conducting a feasibility study for county-wide animal control services.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Copy of Resolution from Middletown Township Urging a Stay on Further Implementation of COAH Third Round Proposals and Fair Housing Act**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 61**

**RESOLUTION URGING THAT THE GOVERNOR  
AND LEGISLATURE IMPLEMENT A STAY ON  
THE FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
COAH THIRD ROUND PROPOSALS AND  
THE FAIR HOUSING ACT**

**WHEREAS**, as has been plainly established over the past few years, New Jersey is in the midst of a major fiscal and tax crisis, and the State government and municipalities throughout the State are struggling to maintain government services while not increasing the already substantial tax burden on its citizens and businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, on top of those already substantial economic and tax issues, over the past year there has arisen a major crisis in the housing market, with housing prices either stagnating or falling and many of the builders in the State being thrust into serious financial difficulties due to lack of demand for housing in the existing economic climate; and

**WHEREAS**, with those two economic situations and realities in place, at the same time the New Jersey Council on Affordable Housing has continued to move forward to propose substantial and costly new “Third Round” COAH Rules and Requirements, to be imposed upon most of the municipalities in this State; and

**WHEREAS**, the COAH Rules and standards will clearly create enormous additional burdens and expenses to municipalities, will substantially increase and adversely effect the already sensitive “free market” cost of new “non-affordable” housing units, will increase the tax burden to municipalities and their taxpaying residents, will mandate additional new development densities that will be environmentally detrimental and mandate the change in character and the “urbanization” of many communities and neighborhoods, and will discourage or preclude the rehabilitation of existing housing units in urban areas having proper infrastructure in place by raising the cost of RCA units to unaffordable levels; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the facts that New Jersey and its municipalities are in the midst of a financial and tax crisis, that the New Jersey housing market is in substantial stress, that many New Jersey citizens and taxpayers are having substantial difficulty funding their own housing and tax obligations without having the additional burdens of housing densities and subsidies placed upon them by these new and clearly onerous COAH proposed requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, in view of the now clearly established crisis in the State’s financial and tax base and the continuing abilities of both State and local governments to fund basic services without further raising taxes to economically-debilitating levels and the ongoing crisis in the State’s “free market” housing market, to go forward blindly to create new and substantial financial/tax burdens on municipalities, the State’s taxpayers, the State’s business and housing economy. The housing market seems to be improvident, reckless, and certainly detrimental to the interest of the State and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the supposed “Mount Laurel” doctrine and the Fair Housing Act are, to a certain extent, the product of a different time, and COAH is not responsive to the public or electorate. Its narrow focus is without due consideration to the long term consequences to environmental concerns or fiscal/tax burdens; and

**WHEREAS**, many communities now have in place a diversity of housing, including affordable housing, through implementation of COAH directives over the past 20 years and by the balance of the free market, and the proposed “Third Round” requirements are an unnecessary additional burden on its citizens and taxpayers and will, no doubt, severely aggravate the existing financial/tax and housing issues now facing this Township and the entire State; and

**WHEREAS**, the elected leaders of this State, the Governor and legislative leaders should recognize these existing crisis’s, and that the COAH proposals will further aggravate and exacerbate severe fiscal/tax and housing market problems. It is requested that these officials move forward legislatively to implement a Stay or hiatus as to the proposed “Third Round” requirements of COAH and further fiscal obligations on municipalities and their taxpayers until these other problems are further addressed.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that the Governor and State Legislative leaders are requested to review and implement a Stay of the Fair Housing Act and the proposed COAH “Third Round” requirements, so as to avoid further aggravation of the serious fiscal/tax problems, free-market housing difficulties, and environmental issues now pending before the State and municipalities within the State.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Letter and Sample Resolution from D. McDowell, Finance Chair, Peapack & Gladstone & Other Municipalities re: Opposing Failure of Governor's Proposed State Budget To Treat Property Tax Relief As Priority**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION # 2008 - 62**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE FAILURE OF THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR TO TREAT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AS OUR PRIORITY**

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2008, in Trenton, Governor Jon S. Corzine presented his FY 2009 Budget proposal to a Joint Session of the State Legislature, which proposal now goes to the Legislature, which must pass a balanced budget by the start of the State's next Fiscal Year, which begins on July 1; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposal, which represents what the Governor called "many unpleasant choices," calls for the elimination of two Departments of State Government (the Departments of Agriculture and Personnel) and the State Commerce Commission, and asks all other Departments to absorb funding cuts, and further calls for sacrifice in a number of other areas, including direct property tax relief, hospital aid, higher education assistance and Medicaid, with the inordinately deep cuts in municipal property tax relief funding; and

**WHEREAS**, one year after the historic Special Session for Property Tax Reform, which purportedly eliminated the need for a Citizens' Convention, our property taxpayers will once again be asked for patience, and they will be asked to shoulder more than their fair share of the funding burden; and

**WHEREAS**, local officials have done so much with so little for so long, that State Budget-makers now believe some can do everything with absolutely nothing; and

**WHEREAS**, municipal property tax relief will be slashed by \$189.6 million; and

**WHEREAS**, for municipalities with a population of less than 5,000, there will be no CMPTRA funding this year; for municipalities with a population total between 5,000 and 10,000, this relief will be limited to one-half of the amount received in the State's 2006-2007 budget; and the \$32.6 million distributed according to the CMPTRA formula, which municipalities received last year as 2008 Municipal Property Tax Assistance, is gone; and

**WHEREAS**, all municipalities will receive level Energy Tax Receipts Property Tax Relief funding, despite State Law that ‘requires’ annual inflationary adjustments of this (and CMPTRA) funding; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, municipal efficiency was promoted to the tune of \$34.8 million, but in this proposal, this funding has been eliminated; and

**WHEREAS**, last year’s \$32 million in Municipal Homeland Security Funding is gone, Special Municipal Aid funding is cut from \$153 million to \$145.4 – a loss of \$7.6 million, Extraordinary Aid funding is reduced by \$1.7 million – from \$34 million to \$32.3 million, and the \$8 million Regional Efficiency Aid Program will not be funded; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond these cuts, certain municipalities served by the State Police will be asked to contribute \$20 million to the State’s General Fund, and Homestead Rebates for Homeowners will be cut by \$257 million, and for Renters by \$124 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Kingwood Township will see a loss of \$129,308.00, which includes a loss of \$120,872.00 in consolidated Municipal Property Tax Relief Aid, and \$ 8,436.00 in Municipal Property Tax Assistance.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood calls on the Governor to take affirmative action to restore program funding sufficient to honor state statutes and the State’s commitment to the cause of property tax relief in all New Jersey municipalities; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jon S. Corzine, Senate President Richard J. Codey, Senate Minority Leader Thomas H. Kean, Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Assembly Minority Leader Alex DeCroce, the Chairs and Members of the Senate and Assembly Budget and Appropriations Committees, Senator Steve Oroho and Assembly members Alison McHose, Gary Chiusano, Marcia Karrow and Michael Doherty, NJ Conference of Mayors and to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Sample Letter and Resolution from East Amwell re: Opposing Elimination of State Department of Agriculture**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 63**

**WHEREAS**, on February 26, 2008, Governor Jon S. Corzine proposed the FY 2009 New Jersey State Budget; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Budget, Governor Corzine has proposed to eliminate the New Jersey Department of Agriculture as a cost-cutting measure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Agriculture provides many important services to the almost \$ 3.5 billion agricultural industry and the citizens of the state including:

1. Food safety
2. Emergency food distribution to 500,000 residents
3. School nutrition programs (Healthy Choices/Healthy Kids)
4. School lunch programs for 145,000 children statewide
5. Soil/Water conservation, and environmental programs (Green Energy Initiatives for farmers, Garden State Ethanol)
6. Farmland preservation (160,000 acres statewide)
7. Aquaculture (seafood harvesting and distribution)
8. Equine industry, including racing
9. Livestock and poultry disease monitoring (mad cow, avian influenza)
10. Plant pest control (e.g. gypsy moths, Asian longhorn beetle)
11. Commodity promotion (the Jersey Fresh Program)
12. Urban planning and forest protection (Smart Growth Planner's Toolkit, programs to halt urban forest devastation by the Asian longhorn beetle)
13. Cooperation with academic and research institutions
14. Seed and fertilizer testing
15. Pet food and livestock feed testing

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey's diverse agriculture industry (produce, horticulture, livestock, seafood, equine) relies on the services of the Department of Agriculture to remain viable, contributing almost \$3.5 Billion to our state economy while also providing jobs, generating sales tax receipts, and maintaining our state's history and identity as the "Garden State"; and

**WHEREAS**, NJ Agriculture provides uniquely fresh, healthy food to local communities at a reduced cost to the consumer while utilizing shorter distribution routes than national providers, thus minimizing the environmental damage caused by long distance transportation; and

**WHEREAS**, the federal Farm Bill of 2007 was named “The Farm *Nutrition and Community Investment Act*” in recognition of the critical role agriculture plays in providing a better quality of life, as well as feeding our population; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Agriculture Development Committee (SADC) within the Department of Agriculture administers the New Jersey Farmland Preservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has invested close to \$1.1 billion since 1982 to permanently preserve over 160,000 acres of farmland; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey voters have shown overwhelming support for the Farmland Preservation Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hunterdon County Farmland Preservation Program includes over 271 preserved farms and over 23, 615 acres permanently preserved.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kingwood Township Committee opposes the Governor’s proposal to eliminate the Department of Agriculture and urges the Governor to reconsider his proposal.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution shall be provided to the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders; Senator Leonard Lance, Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow, Assemblyman Michael Doherty, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the State Agriculture Development Committee, Board of Chosen Freeholders and every County Agriculture Development Board in the State of New Jersey, and all municipalities in Hunterdon County.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Copy of Resolution from Mount Olive Twp re: Opposing State’s Reduction In State Aid To Municipalities**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 64**

**OPPOSING THE STATES REDUCTION IN STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES**

**WHEREAS**, one of the primary sources of revenue included in every municipal budget in the State of New Jersey for the last five decades has been Municipal Aid provided in the State's Budget for each municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the State through no fault of the municipalities, has come upon extraordinary difficult financial times, primarily based upon the fact that the State, for State purposes, has over a very long period of time, over expended its revenues; and

**WHEREAS**, the current administration under Governor John Corzine has determined that significant budget reductions must be effectuated in light of the State's over expenditures for a number of years and difficult financial times, but the State budget will exceed \$30 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee acknowledge that the State has got itself into significant financial difficulties, but those difficulties are in no way attributable to the annual State Aid provided to municipalities for the last half century; and indeed, rural/suburban municipalities have always received the least amount of State Aid and it is the only form of significant State Aid in contrast to urban areas, which rural/suburban municipalities receive; and

**WHEREAS**, the reduction of State Aid means an equivalent increase in local tax rates and simply becomes a matter by which the current administration punishes not those who have benefited over the years by excessive State expenditures, but punishes those who have generally speaking, received the smallest quantities of State support or State expenditures.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that it wishes to urge the State Legislature to reverse these punitive steps undertaken by Governor Corzine and his administration, and to restore to each and every municipality in the State, but particularly those in the rural/suburban areas their fair share of State Aid as it had been provided in prior years with the understanding that every municipality get no less than the amount of State Aid it received last year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be sent to Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow, Assemblyman Michael Doherty, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the State Agriculture Development Committee, Board of Chosen Freeholders, and all municipalities in Hunterdon County.

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Copy of Resolution from Tewksbury Twp re: Opposition to A-1880 Requiring Authorization by Voters of Bond Ordinances**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 65**

**OPPOSITION TO ASSEMBLY BILL 1880 (A-1880)**

**WHEREAS**, A-1880 would require that prior to the issuance of general obligation bonds by a county or municipality (local entity), the bond ordinance authorizing the obligation must be submitted to the voters of the county or municipality, as appropriate, at the general election next following by at least 70 days the final adoption of the ordinance by the local governing body, and

**WHEREAS**, the current Local Bonds Law, N.J.S. 40A:2-1 et seq., and the Local Budget Law N.J.S. 40A:4-1 et seq. contain multiple provisions to protect the public interest should there be opposition to a local bond ordinance, and

**WHEREAS**, the following provisions of 40A:2-1, et seq. and 40A:4-1 including the following steps:

- 1) Requiring the local entity to introduce a bond ordinance at a public meeting;
- 2) Ensuring the local entity has placed in its current or temporary budget the required 5 % down payment for the issuance of said bonds;
- 3) Detailing the amount to be bonded, the life of the bonds and terms of payment;
- 4) Publishing the bond ordinance in the official newspaper of the local entity with the date, time and location of a public hearing on said ordinance;
- 5) Referral of the bond ordinance, since it is a capital expenditure, to the local Planning Board or Land Use Board, as it applies to municipalities for a consistency review with the municipality's Master Plan wherein the public can comment to the Board on the proposed capital ordinance;
- 6) Holding a public hearing by the local entity on the bond ordinance with action by the local entity Governing Body with no less than 2/3 votes in the affirmative to pass said ordinance;
- 7) Publication of passage of the bond ordinance in the local entity's official newspaper which then allows for an appeal within 20 days of said publication; and

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**WHEREAS**, the public has the ability to challenge said bond ordinance under the provisions of 40A:2-1, et seq. and 40A:4-1, by gathering signatures on a petition of 25 % of the registered voters of the municipality who request that the bond ordinance be placed on the ballot at a special election as set by the local authority of the local entity, or can challenge the ordinance directly in a Court of Law, and

**WHEREAS**, the public has recently invoked the petition option in both Readington and Clinton Townships showing that the public is active, takes notice of what its local elected officials are doing and in one instance placing the question on the ballot where the people affirmed the actions of the Governing Body, and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities and counties are required to annually prepare a Capital Budget outlining the long term capital projects and purchases which are needed to meet and provide for the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the local entity and these Capital Budgets are the appropriate place for the purchase of items, materials and projects having a life as outlined in the Local Bonds Law, N.J.S. 40A:2-1 et seq., and the Local Budget Law N.J.S. 40A:4-1 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, the current Local Bonds Law, N.J.S. 40A:2-1 et seq., and the Local Budget Law N.J.S. 40A:4-1 et seq., do not allow a municipality to exceed 3.5 % of its total equalized valuation in terms of bonded indebtedness without the approval of the Local Finance Board, which is yet another public safeguard to prevent, unlike the State and Federal governments, continued borrowing unto itself and straddling the taxpayers with mountains and mountains of debt, and

**WHEREAS**, should A-1880 successfully be enacted it will raise the costs of the purchases, whether it be a fire truck, rescue squad vehicle, public works dump truck, the construction or expansion of a municipal or county owned building, recreation field, construction or reconstruction of a roadway and the list goes on and on where said items have a life clearly permitted to be bonded for, and

**WHEREAS**, if the local entity is unable to bond for said items above but wait for issuance only after a question has affirmatively passed at a General Election in each ensuing year the costs of those goods and materials will skyrocket costing the local property taxpayers thousands more in the costs as well as interest rates that can fluctuate dramatically, and be directly passed on to those taxpayers in the following year, and

**WHEREAS**, we need the sponsors to help municipalities find means to save money, share services and thus not tax any more than is absolutely necessary to ensure the general health, safety & welfare of the residents and not continuously tie municipalities hands by more red tape and bureaucratic regulation, and

**WHEREAS**, we local officials were also elected to conduct the people's business in an open manner and seek dialogue with our representatives and constituents alike and if the voters find that we are not doing our jobs as the voters expect and demand then not only can they have their say at the ballot box they also have the power of recall of their officials, which we have seen used in Bedminster Township and Franklin Township (Somerset County).

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey is firmly opposed to the enactment of A-1880, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Assembly sponsors and co-sponsors, Assembly Speaker Joseph Roberts, Senator Steve Oroho, Senator Leonard Lance, Assemblyman Gary Chiusano, Assemblywoman Marcia Karrow, Assemblywoman Denise Coyle, the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders, all Hunterdon County municipalities, the NJ State League of Municipalities, and the NJ Conference of Mayors.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Letter from State DOT re: Municipal Aid Programs**

Deputy Mayor Burke stated that he forwarded info to Engineer Tom Decker to see if we are eligible for State Aid.

**Resolution No. 2008-50 - 2008 Temporary Appropriations**

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 50**

**2008 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2008 Budget of the Township of Kingwood has not been adopted and the appropriations provided for in Resolution No. 2008-02 are insufficient to cover the expenses in April of 2008; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the Temporary 2008 Budget Appropriations be raised by the statutory one-twelfth (1/12<sup>th</sup>).

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

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**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	- Burke, Augustine, Niemann
<b>NAY</b>	- None
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	- None
<b>ABSENT</b>	- None

**BILLS AND CLAIMS**

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Niemann and carried to approve and pay the bills and claims in the amount of \$896,189.43 that are in order and attached as **Bill List** for April 2008.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	-Burke, Niemann, Augustine
<b>NAY</b>	-None
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	-None
<b>ABSENT</b>	-None

**PUBLIC COMMENT PRIVILEGED OF THE FLOOR**

Jack MacConnell, Spring Hill Road – Thanked James Burke for all his hard work as far as preserving the property on Horseshoe Bend Road. Mr. MacConnell also suggested to the Committee to consider forming a subcommittee to work on ordinances and rules for new property and park. Mr. MacConnell would also like to see the deer population eliminated. He would also like to see an ordinance in reference to clean up after perk tests.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Augustine noted that the following have been received and are available for review:

- Tax Collector's Report of March 2008
- Municipal Court Report of February 2008
- Construction Department Report of March 2008
- Zoning Permits Report of March 2008

Township Engineer's Monthly Report

Mayor Augustine reviewed. Mr. Burke reviewed several road matters and the Engineers Report.

- Animal Control Report of March 2008
- Dog Canvass Report of March 2008
- Dog Licensing Report 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.

C.F.O. D. Laudenbach brought up a discussion on boarding the animals at Veterarian Dr. Tindalls place, and how it is costing the Township money to board them until someone will adopt them. The animal control officer will be looking into what other towns do as far as charging a fee for adopting an animal to cover the cost of boarding them. D. Laudenbach noted that if there is a decision to charge for adopting an animal from the shelter, an ordinance will have to be introduced and passed. She offered to obtain a sample fee ordinance from Delaware Twp .

**OC Laboratories – Kingwood Park**

Mayor Augustine reviewed the results which were satisfactory.

**BAN Sale of March 5, 2008**

Mayor Augustine reviewed.

**FUTURE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES**

Mayor Augustine reviewed as per the Agenda.

**ORDINANCE**

**ORDINANCE No. 15-10-2008 ACCEPTANCE OF OPDYKE ROAD AS MUNICIPAL ROAD** –Introduction and Adoption on First Reading

Mayor Augustine read the Ordinance aloud which was introduced.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Niemann and carried to adopt on first reading **AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTANCE OF OPDYKE ROAD AS MUNICIPAL ROAD.**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**Consideration of final adoption at a public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at a meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the municipal building.**

**RESOLUTIONS**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 51**

**TAX SALE REDEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has received redemption monies in the amount of \$101.88 to redeem Tax Sale Certificate No. 2007-05 on Block 23, Lot 18.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey, that the treasurer be authorized to issue a check in the amount of \$101.88 to Park Finance, LLC, P.O. Box 109, Cedar Knolls, New Jersey, 07927 for the redemption of Tax Sale Certificate No. 2007-05.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 52**

**OLDER AMERICANS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is traditionally designated and observed throughout the nation as **Older Americans Month**; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2008 theme is, **“Working Together for Strong, Healthy, and Supportive Communities”**, in honor of older Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Kingwood recognizes the contributions older Americans have made to our families, our communities, and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, older Americans remain active and productive, volunteering their time, talents and expertise, thereby enriching all our lives;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey does hereby proclaim the month of **May 2008 as Older Americans Month**, in Hunterdon County;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey calls upon all Hunterdon communities to honor and celebrate the outstanding contributions of Hunterdon County’s older residents.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**APPROVAL OF LOSAP LISTS FOR 2007  
RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 53**

**WHEREAS**, the Kingwood Township Volunteer Fire Company and Kingwood Township First Aid and Rescue Squad have provided to the Township Committee annual certification identifying all active volunteer members who have qualified for credit for the year; and

**WHEREAS**, after initial review by the Township Committee the lists have been posted in the respective buildings of each participating emergency service organization for a period of at least 30 days for review by members; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no objection or complaint received from any member of those organizations or from the organizations themselves, and the lists have again been reviewed by the Township Committee;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the attached lists indicating qualified members for each agency for the respective year and amounts are approved.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 54**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 FIREWORKS DISPLAY**

**WHEREAS**, the Kingwood Township Parks & Recreation Committee has scheduled "Kingwood Day at the Park" on September 20, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingwood Township Parks & Recreation Committee plans various activities for the day and wishes to display fireworks for the community to help enjoy this day; and

**WHEREAS, Pyro Engineering, Inc.** has submitted a certificate of insurance with the Township named as additional insured; and

**WHEREAS**, the Kingwood Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, and the Kingwood Township First Aid & Rescue Squad will be standing by at the scene;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that approval is given for the fireworks display on September 20, 2008, rain date September 21, 2008, on the Kingwood Park property located at 200 Union Road, known as Block 19 Lot 8 in Kingwood Township, New Jersey.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and enter into an agreement with Pyro Engineering, Inc. and execute the application for a fireworks permit from the State of New Jersey.

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried to adopt the foregoing Resolution with the correction that the fireworks will be displayed by Pyro Engineering, and to omit Garden State Fireworks from the same Resolution.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

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**RESOLUTION**

The following Resolution was introduced:

**GRANT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
TOWNSHIP OF KINGWOOD**

**(Name of Grantee)  
AND  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
BY AND FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**GRANT IDENTIFIER: PF08-417**

**GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION**

The governing body of Township of Kingwood  
(print Grantee's name)  
desires to further the public interest by obtaining a grant from the State of New Jersey in the amount of  
approximately \$«Grant Requested» to fund the following project:  
Community Forestry Management Plan

2008 Green Communities Phase II Grant

Therefore, the governing body resolves that Margaret E. Augustine  
or the successor to the office of \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)  
Mayor \_\_\_\_\_ is authorized (a) to make application for such a grant, (b)  
if awarded, to execute \_\_\_\_\_  
(print title of authorized official)  
a grant agreement with the State for a grant in an amount not less than \$ 3,000.00 and not more than  
\$ 3,000.00 , and (c) to execute  any amendments thereto  any amendments thereto which do  
not increase the Grantee's obligations.

\*The Kingwood Township Committee  
authorizes and hereby agrees to \_\_\_\_\_  
(print name of Grantee's governing body, e.g., board of chosen freeholders)  
match 33.3% of the Total Project Amount, in compliance with the match requirements of the agreement.  
The availability of the match for such purposes, whether cash, services, or property, is hereby certified.  
100% of the match will be made up of in-kind services (if allowed by grant program requirements and the  
agreement).\*

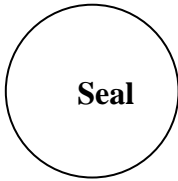
The Grantee agrees to comply with all applicable federal, State, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations  
in its performance pursuant to the agreement.

Introduced and passed April 9, 2008.

Ayes: -3-  
Noes: -0-

Absent:           -0-

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- The portion of this form between the asterisks should only be completed if matching funds are required under the terms of the agreement. Where in-kind services are allowed and are stipulated by the Grantee, an attachment must be provided and appended hereto, breaking out the in-kind services to be provided by the Grantee.

**CERTIFICATION\***

I,           Mary E. MacConnell           ,      municipal clerk    county clerk     
 utilities Authority Clerk  
 (print name)

(other, specify) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Township of Kingwood  
 (print Grantee's name)

certify that this resolution was duly adopted by           Kingwood Township Committee            
 (print name of Grantee's governing body)

at a meeting duly held on the 9th day of April, 2008; that this resolution has not been amended or repealed;  
 and that it remains in full force and effect on the date I have subscribed my signature. \*\*

name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature) \*

          Mary E. MacConnell            
 (print

          Municipal Clerk            
 (print title)

Date:     April 18, 2008

\*\*

\* Certification must be signed by an official other than the individual authorized to execute the agreement.

\*\* This date must be no more than sixty (60) days prior to the Grantee's execution of the agreement. If the original certification expires prior to the Grantee's execution, Grantee must submit a currently certified copy of this Attachment C when it returns the executed agreement to the Department.

Sandra McNicol reviewed the resolution application.

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried to adopt the foregoing Resolution for the Grant Agreement with the State of New Jersey, inserting the amount of 100% of the match will be made up of in-kind services.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 – 57**

**SALE OF DPW EQUIPMENT**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that the Township of Kingwood possesses surplus DPW equipment which is no longer needed for municipal use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Kingwood may sell the equipment in accordance with **N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon and State of New Jersey that the Clerk is hereby authorized to publish a Notice to Buyers in the Delaware Valley News and Express Times for two consecutive weeks, the last insertion not earlier than seven days prior to the bid date; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the following conditions govern the sale of the equipment;

1. All property is used equipment, in its “as is” condition, without any warranty or guaranty of any nature;
2. Sealed proposals for the above items may be delivered to the Municipal Building in person up to the time of bid opening or by mail prior to the bid opening as hereinafter set forth. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of bidder, marked that it is a DPW equipment bid and addressed to the Kingwood Township Committee;

3. Sealed bids will be received for the May 6, 2008 Township Committee Meeting with payment to be made by cash or certified check within three days of notice to successful bidder;
4. The equipment must be removed by successful bidder within seven days of date of payment;
5. The Township Committee reserves the right to reject all bids.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Augustine, Niemann</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Request from Glen Gardner Borough to Participate in Shared Services for Animal Control**

Deputy Mayor James Burke spoke to the Township's Animal Control Officer Traci Fleming about the request from Glen Gardner. Traci Fleming noted that it is 16 miles one way to Glen Gardner. She explained that if their municipality was closer than it would be a consideration. Mr. Burke explained that the shared services for animal control has just started and that our animal control officer has a sufficient amount of work at this time. A letter will be sent to Glen Gardner Borough thanking them for the offer, but informing them that this will not be possible at this time.

**Info from K. Richardson, Cty Program Administrator of Open Space Trust re: Allocation of Municipal Grant Funds**

Mayor Augustine reviewed briefly.

**Info from Cty Department of Health re: Mosquito Control Program**

Mayor Augustine reviewed briefly.

**Info from Pennsylvania DEP re: Black Fly Suppression Program**

Mayor Augustine read aloud information sent from the PA DEP. She explained that they will be spraying along the Delaware River this summer season for black flies.

**Info from R. Thurgarland, Cty Director Records Dept re: PARIS Grant**

Mayor Augustine reviewed briefly.

**Greek Orthodox Parish of Hunterdon Cty – Application for Special Permit for Social Affair**

The Township Committee reviewed the application submitted for Social Affair permit for the Greek Church Fund Raiser. All of the Committee members agreed to no objections on the permit.

**Designate Representative to the Management Committee of the DRGP**

Mayor Augustine reviewed. It was noted that Sandra McNicol will be the representative.

**Request from Resident re: Reimbursement of Property Taxes**

The Township Committee would like a letter written to the property owner stating that the Township will look into this further.

**Notification of Annual River-To-Sea Relay Race**

Mayor Augustine reviewed.

**Notification of Bike MS “Hops to Hops” Ride**

Mayor Augustine reviewed.

**Global Recycling Solutions LLC**

Clerk MacConnell handed out information in reference to road materials. It was discussed to schedule a meeting on April 21, 2008 to award road material bids.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Copy of Letter of Support from Environmental Commission Chair**

Mayor Augustine briefly reviewed.

**Copy of Letters from Assemblywoman Karrow re: Flood Issues**

Mayor Augustine reviewed. Mr. Burke expressed that he is very interested in supporting this subject, and would like to adopt a resolution. A resolution to be prepared for a special meeting scheduled on April 21, 2008.

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, Mayor Augustine stepped down from the Chair second the motion and carried to adopt the minutes of the March 3, 2008 Special Meeting and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**            **AYE**            - **Niemann, Augustine**  
                                 **NAY**            - **None**  
                                 **ABSTAIN**    - **None**  
                                 **ABSENT**    - **Burke**

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, Mayor Augustine stepped down from the Chair second the motion and carried to adopt the minutes of the March 3, 2008 Executive Session and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**            **AYE**            - **Niemann, Augustine**  
                                 **NAY**            - **None**  
                                 **ABSTAIN**    - **None**  
                                 **ABSENT**    - **Burke**

**It should be noted that the minutes of executive sessions shall be held as closed until officially released by the Township Committee.**

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, Mayor Augustine stepped down from the Chair second the motion and carried to adopt the minutes of the March 4, 2008 Special Meeting and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**            **AYE**            - **Niemann, Augustine**  
                                 **NAY**            - **None**  
                                 **ABSTAIN**    - **None**  
                                 **ABSENT**    - **Burke**

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, Mayor Augustine stepped down from the Chair second the motion and carried to adopt the minutes of the March 4, 2008 Executive Session and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**            **AYE**            - **Niemann, Augustine**  
                                 **NAY**            - **None**  
                                 **ABSTAIN**    - **None**  
                                 **ABSENT**    - **Burke**

**It should be noted that the minutes of executive sessions shall be held as closed until officially released by the Township Committee.**

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, Mayor Augustine stepped down from the Chair second the motion and carried to adopt the minutes of the March 4, 2008 Regular Meeting and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- Burke</b>

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, Mayor Augustine stepped down from the Chair second the motion and carried to adopt the minutes of the March 4, 2008 Executive Session and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- Burke</b>

**It should be noted that the minutes of executive sessions shall be held as closed until officially released by the Township Committee.**

It was moved by Mr. Burke, second by Mrs. Niemann and carried the motion to adopt the minutes of the March 7, 2008 Special Meeting and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

It was moved by Mr. Burke, second by Mrs. Niemann and carried the motion to adopt the minutes of the March 7, 2008 Executive Session and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**It should be noted that the minutes of executive sessions shall be held as closed until officially released by the Township Committee.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	- <b>Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	- <b>None</b>

It was moved by Mr. Burke, second by Mrs. Niemann and carried the motion to adopt the minutes of the March 17, 2008 Executive Session and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	- <b>Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	- <b>None</b>

**It should be noted that the minutes of executive sessions shall be held as closed until officially released by the Township Committee.**

It was moved by Mr. Burke, second by Mrs. Niemann and carried the motion to adopt the minutes of the March 21, 2008 Special Meeting and place on file.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	- <b>Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	- <b>None</b>

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 56**

Following a brief recess, at approximately 7:30 P.M., the following Resolution was introduced to enter into closed session:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 56**

**WHEREAS**, Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 P.L. 1975 (R.S.10:4-13) permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting or a portion of a meeting of this public body in certain circumstances; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Kingwood, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from the meeting or a portion of a meeting at which this public body discusses the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

**Personnel  
Litigation  
Possible Litigation**

- 3. The time when the circumstances under which the discussions conducted in closed session of this public body can be disclosed to the public is as follows:

The minutes of the closed session will be made public upon Conclusion, dismissal or settlement of litigation; or final Resolution of agreements or personnel matters; and in any Event, when appropriate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-7 and - 13.

- 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
- 5. The Township Committee may take additional action upon returning to regular session.

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

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Niemann and carried the motion to return to regular session at 7:58 P.M. All voted Aye on Roll Call Vote.

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried to accept resignation from CFO Office Assistant Tiffany Auletta.

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>- Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
	<b>NAY</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>- None</b>
	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>- None</b>

It was moved by Mrs. Niemann, seconded by Mr. Burke and carried to hire Lynn Porter as CFO Office Assistant.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	- <b>Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	- <b>None</b>

Deputy Mayor Burke ask the Committee members to authorize the Township’s Custodian Rose Dipple extra hours to clean a one time job at the Kingwood Park house on April 14, 2008, up to five hours. All members agreed to authorize Rose Dipple to clean the park house for extra pay up to five hours of work.

Deputy Mayor Burke spoke to an individual who is interested in renting the vacant house at the Melnyk property. The Township Committee needs to decide whether they would like to rent the home at this time. Mr. Burke said that it is rentable for \$900 a month, plus tenant must pay their own electric and fuel bills. He also stated that before renting out the home, the electric must be inspected for safety before renting.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Niemann and carried to approve Dan Jones and his family, to hire an electrician to inspect and repair any electrical deficiencies at the Melnyk farm home, and also to approve the Township’s building inspector to certify the safety of the facility. The rental rate will be \$900 a month, plus utilities, also a security deposit of one month. Dan Jones would like to move into the home by May 1, 2008 as long as all inspections are final.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>AYE</b>	- <b>Burke, Niemann, Augustine</b>
<b>NAY</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSTAIN</b>	- <b>None</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	- <b>None</b>

Deputy Mayor Burke explained that the Township Public Works Department would like to have extra buildings to store paving equipment, recycling bins, and salt. Mr. Burke obtained quotes from General Steel Corp. for \$41,000 and Patriot Steel Corp. for \$51,000. He explained they would deliver the buildings, but the P.W.D. would be responsible for assembling the building. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of the use of the buildings on Horseshoe Bend Road. Committeewoman Niemann requested that the Township carefully evaluate the existing space at the new municipal garage to be sure that current storage couldn’t be reconfigured to fit the additional equipment before making any plans for a new building. Mr. Burke would like to see all of the Township garage materials contained in one area. There was also a discussion on where the funds would come from to buy these buildings. He noted that an assessment will have to be done, to advertise for bids and also an ordinance must be adopted.

Deputy Mayor Burke reported some problems of cleaning the vehicles at the Township garage and issues with the D.E.P.

Deputy Mayor Burke discussed a complaint a resident made. He said that a D.E.P. representative told him he is going to be fined \$25,000 a day for the violations on his property.

Mr. Burke explained that all is resolved, and that the resident will not be suing the Township. The resident had another representative from the D.E.P. review the situation, and that the prior representative was incorrect.

C.F.O. Laudenbach handed out correspondence and noted that the Township is no longer allowed to utilize bank credit cards, but only cards from stores where purchases will be made.

There was a brief discussion on the time sheets and who will still be keeping track of their time.

Deputy Mayor reviewed the subject of joint court with the surrounding towns. There was a suggestion of other towns possibly renting the Kingwood Township court room.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mrs. Niemann and carried the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 P.M. **All** voted **Aye** on **Roll Call Vote**.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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