

**READINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
BUDGET MEETING – February 28, 2011**

Mayor Gatti *calls the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.* announcing that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met and that this meeting has been duly advertised.

**PRESENT:** Mayor F. Gatti, Deputy Mayor T. Auriemma, Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. B. Muir, Mrs. D. Simon

**ALSO PRESENT:** Administrator V. Mekovetz, Chief Financial Officer Tom Carro, Municipal Auditor Robert Swisher

**ABSENT:** None

Mayor Gatti led those present in the *Salute to the Flag*.

**2011 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

The Township Committee discussed the proposed 2011 budget, use of surplus funds and replenishment of surplus over the next few years, state aid, anticipated revenues, debt service, the impact of the change in the total assessments and overall budget recommendations to minimize a tax increase. A 2¢ increase was recommended to prepare for next year's increase in debt service and to avoid a spike in the rate over the next few years. The Committee discussed all the issues and requested that the proposed 2¢ tax increase be reduced to 1¢ and that the appropriations remain flat. Township Auditor Robert Swisher spoke to future budgets and the importance of maintaining surplus to address future budget constraints.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments and questions from Erin Brennen, Bill Keefe and Kevin Devine regarding the budget were addressed.

As there was no further business, *A MOTION* was made at 7:30 p.m. by Mrs. Allen to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Auriemma with a vote of ayes all, nays none recorded.

Respectfully Submitted:

Vita Mekovetz, RMC/MMC/RPPO  
Administrator/Municipal Clerk