

BOROUGH OF WEST READING – BOROUGH COUNCIL

February 24, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.

West Reading Borough Council held a special meeting at Borough Hall on Thursday, February 24, 2011 with the following persons present: Council President Kevin Conrad; Vice President Philip Wert; Council Members James Gallen, Amy Good-Ashman, Nathalie Kulesa, Elizabeth Heckler; Mayor Shane Keller; Borough Manager Richard Sichler. Absent: Deborah Hutcheson.

VISITORS: Officer Wayne Holben
 Officer Chad Marks
 Officer Edward DeLozier
 Joseph Rudolph, Attorney

Council President Kevin Conrad called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

PUBLIC COMMENT: - There was no public comment.

Mr. Conrad stated that there were two items of business to be discussed, an Executive Session matter and a request to approve a 5% pension contribution for the police department.

POLICE PENSION CONTRIBUTION:

Mr. Conrad stated that the way the contract is written, the Borough has the ability to administer up to a 5% pension contribution from the police department. Mr. Rudolph said he didn't think that it was optional, that the specific language states 'shall require a contribution'. Mr. Conrad explained that it hasn't been done in the past because Council has always been told that any pension contributions will reduce the amount of state aid.

It was decided that this issue should be discussed in Executive Session, therefore Council recessed at 7:07 p.m. When Council reconvened at 7:45 p.m. the following action was taken.

Moved by Mrs. Heckler and seconded by Mrs. Kulesa to institute a 5% pension contribution per the collective bargaining agreement effective April 1st, 2011. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Mrs. Kulesa and seconded by Mrs. Heckler to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Hoffman
Administrative Assistant