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A Work Session Meeting of the Manasquan Mayor and Council was held on May 17, 2010 at 7:07 p.m., in Council Chambers of Borough Hall.

Mayor Dempsey related that this meeting is being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975 and that notice was given to the Coast Star and the Asbury Park Press on December 22, 2009.

ROLL CALL: Present: Council Members Bossone, Connolly, Donovan, Grasso, Lee, Lucas .

Also present was Borough Attorney James Kinneally and Borough Administrator John Trengrove.

Absent: None.

Mayor Dempsey announced that each speaker will be limited to speaking for three minutes on the topic of the School Budget Reduction Resolution due to the large number of people in attendance at the meeting this evening. He also asked that each speaker state that they agree or disagree with other comments made by other audience members rather than repeat their statements. He also asked that members of the audience may get up a second time to speak after everyone present is given the opportunity to speak.

ITEM #1. Manasquan School Budget Reduction Recommendation/Resolution.

Council Member Connolly presented the following recommendation that was previously distributed to the members of the Governing Body on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010. She related that the committee consisted of herself, Council Member Donovan and Council Member Grasso.

Budget Defeated	\$12,171,782
Decrease Proposed	160,160
Balance	12,011,622

Note – Cannot decrease below minimum tax levy of \$11,922,137  
Could decrease budget by \$249,645

Tax Rate – Recommend 1cent decrease from .0134 cent increase proposed.  
Thus, new rate .0034 cents added to present .8141 cents =.8175 cents

Property Tax Impact - \$500,000 assessed home

2009 - .8141 cents =	\$4070.50
2010 - .8175 cents =	\$4087.50 (\$17 increase)

ACTUAL EXPENDITURES IN BUDGET TO BE DECREASED

Our first recommendation to the Board of Education was a teacher’s wage freeze for one year since the wage increase averaged 3.95%. We suggested if this rate was not possible, then a lower percentage decrease could be considered. We noted that 81% of salaries for high school teachers and 70% for elementary teachers were in the \$50K to \$95K+ category, excluding longevity and extra curricular pay. These salaries are for a 10 month work schedule. The Manasquan taxpayers’ average yearly salary was \$63,000 as noted in the past census. Council Member Connolly also related that according to the Star Ledger the average salary for teachers in New Jersey is \$57,497.00 while the per capita income in the State is \$50,300.13. She related that the answer to the suggested wage freeze was no, therefore, the following decreases were recommended.

Thus the following decreases are recommended:

Support Services – General Administration

11-000-230-590	Communications/Telephone	\$ 200
11-000-230-630	BOE In-House Training	250
11-000-230-890	Miscellaneous Expenditures	500
11-000-230-895	BOE Dues and Fees	200
Support Services-School Administration		
11-000-240-600	Supplies & Materials	2,052

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Maint for School Facilities			
11-000-261-420	Cleaning,Repair		20,600
Other Oper & Maint of Plant			
11-000-262-420	Cleaning,Repair		10,613
11-000-262-490	Water/Sewer Tax		2,200
11-000-262-610	General Supplies		3,714
11-000-262-621	Energy (gas)		17,131
Other Grounds			
11-000-263-420	Cleaning,Repair		950
11-000-263-610	General Supplies		1,700
Facilities Acquisition & Construction Services			
12-000-400-450	Construction		100,000
TOTAL DECREASE			\$160,160

She related that the budget could have been decreased by \$249,645 and stated that there are no programs for students in these decreases that have been cut. She noted that no extra curricular programs have been cut out. She related that the salaries in our school district equal 79.1 percent of expenditures in the school budget. She related that the teachers should have accepted some of the responsibility and not use our children as pawns in their attempts to keep above average increases. She related that they could have followed the example of Superintendent Gerry Margin who chose to eliminate an increase this year in her salary. She stated that the recommended increase will be one cent from the current tax rate. She related that the property tax impact on a \$500,000 home would be a \$17.00 increase for one year unlike the defeated budget that had an increase of \$67.00 per year.

The Borough Attorney related that Council Member Lucas will not take part in these deliberations because he is a substitute school teacher in the Manasquan School District and it is a conflict.

Mayor Dempsey asked if any member of the Governing Body had any comments regarding this matter.

There being none, the meeting was opened up for comments from representatives of the school and the members of the audience.

Gerry Margin, Manasquan School Superintendent thanked the Administration and Finance Committee for their time in reviewing the budget and the Governing Body as a whole for providing this forum to express their concerns. She related that this is a difficult process for both the Board of Education and the Council. She presented the following budget facts. She related that this year the BOE made a conscientious decision not to propose a 4 percent tax increase as allowed by the State. She related that they could have also proposed a tax increase to cover 100 percent of the over \$1,000,000.00 cut to State funding. She related that instead, being very cognizant of the economy, the BOE decided to ask voters for exactly what was needed to maintain. She related that the State determines a benchmark for each district which is based on enrollment, the number of at-risk students, the number of limited English students, the number of low income families, the number of special education and students needing speech. She related that if any cuts are made to this budget, even one dollar, Manasquan will fall below the State Adequacy benchmark. She related that 38 of the 54 school districts in Monmouth County are above State Adequacy. She related that if the budget passed, this district would be the only district at the Adequacy mark. She related that Asbury Park, Keansburg, Keyport, Neptune City, Neptune Township, Middletown, Eatontown, Freehold Borough, Red Bank Borough, Union Beach, Tinton Falls, Union Beach, Belmar, Brielle, Long Branch and Monmouth County Vocational are among the 15 districts that are below the Adequacy benchmark. She related that only 6 of those districts are K through 12 like Manasquan. She related that maintaining Adequacy resulted in the proposed increase of 1.34 cents in the tax levy. She related that the 2010-2011 budget is only asking for 1.26 cent increase and that there is a .08 increase due to debt service that was approved by the Manasquan voters for the Elementary School Project. She related that the budget only increased \$4,449.00 or .02 percent but because they did not receive any State aid, the levy is actually going up \$249,645 or 2.094 percent. She related that if the budget passed it would mean a

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\$67.00 increase for a home assessed at \$500,000.00. She related that the A & F Committee proposed a 1 cent reduction from the original proposal of 1.34 cents which will result in a \$50.00 savings annually at a home assessed at \$500,000.00. She related that this amounts to 14 cents per day. She related that to fall below the State Adequacy benchmark and given that the tax increase will have a 2.5 percent spending CAP in the future, it will be years before they will be able to increase the budget to reach the Adequacy level again. She related that the impact of reducing the budget may give a small short term benefit in tax relief but the long time impact on the community will be a reduction in the quality of education and opportunity provided by our children, a reduction benefit in home values and an overall decline in perception that Manasquan community as a family oriented small town. She highlighted some of the comments that were made by Council Member Connolly. She related that 58 percent of the teachers make under \$60,000.00, 20 percent are between \$60,000.00 and \$80,000.00 and 22 percent make over \$80,000.00. She related that the top of the guide currently is \$87,000.00 with a Doctorate. She related that 37 percent of their teachers have Master's Degrees and 15 percent have Doctorates. She related that according to the 2000 US Census in 1999 over 62.7 percent had an income of over \$50,000 and today 67 percent of the teachers make over \$50,000.00 and 38.6 percent of the homes had an income at that time of over \$75,000.00. She asked School Administrator Peg Hom to address some of the reductions.

Manasquan Schools Business Administrator Peg Hom informed the Governing Body and audience of the budget reductions that will result if the recommended \$160,160 is cut from the budget. She reviewed the impact of these reductions that are outlined in a presentation document dated 5/12/10 that is on file in the Clerk's Office. She related that they reduced their General Supply Budget to \$74,280.00 to get to Adequacy. She related that they budgeted \$100,000 to renovate one of the bathrooms that is in dire need of repair and noted that they have a responsibility to the taxpayer to take care of the facility. She related that the recommended reductions will put the school in a category with schools that she doesn't think we want to be associated with. She related that they are not bad schools but are in need of improvement and that she thinks that Manasquan deserves better.

Mayor Dempsey asked if any member of the audience had any questions or comments regarding the school budget.

Danielle Lucas, 60 S. McClellan Ave related that she is a product of a K through 12 Manasquan education and is an educator. She related that she can assure you that educators do not use students as pawns but rather influence their lives in a positive way. She related that she is a school psychologist at a local school district and that she urges the Governing Body to not make any additional cuts to the school budget. She related that realistically she is aware that the Governing Body is faced with a daunting task that will probably result in reductions. She asked that the Governing Body not cut anything that will impact the quality of education of the students or result in job losses. She related that all of the Manasquan students should be afforded the exact same opportunities that she was offered when she went to school here. She related that she is aware that the Governor is stressing reductions whether it is teachers, custodians, lunchroom staff or support staff. She related that people easily pass judgment on educators and could care less if someone loses their job. She related that attitude is alarming at the very least but that she is quite sure that the individuals who think that would be reconsidering it if they were being impacted by the cuts to the school budget. She stated that the fact of the matter is, even if one educator loses their job – you are stripping the students of an individual who can have a lifelong impact on them. She related that she thinks that the town of Manasquan needs to have the courage to go against the current trends and support the education of the students. She related that education is important and it is the future of our community.

Paul Battaglia, Manasquan Education Association related that recently Governor Christie has created the ultimate Us (Teachers) Versus Them (Taxpayers) mentality. He related that the last time he checked, teachers and support staff were also taxpayers. He related that in one of his boldest statements that if the teachers would give up their pay increases for next year and in return he would restore the School District's State aid. He related that in truth that is a lie. He related that Governor Christie withheld approximately \$1,040,000.00 in State aid and had the teachers agreed to a wage freeze, the amount that would have been returned to them is \$27,382.00 according to the figures that were provided by the State. He related that very few districts have taken him up on this and those that have are still facing severe cut backs in staffing, services and programs. He related that some members of the Manasquan Governing Body told people that the teachers were getting 4 ½ percent raises in their new contract during their campaign last year. He related that at that time the contract was far from being settled so

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it was unfortunate that taxpayers went to the polls with egregious mistruths influencing their votes. He related that the Manasquan Education Association would like to set the record straight so that there will be no more misconceptions. He related that here are the facts. The MEA settled for a 3.95 percent raise over the next three years and are only one of three districts in Monmouth County whose settlement is under 4 percent. He related that a new teacher in Manasquan will have a starting salary that is ranked 21 out of 29 and a salary for a teacher with 5 years experience ranks 24 out of 29. He related that those with 10 years of experience ranks 25 out of 29 and finally those with 15 years of experience ranks 24 out of 29. He related that they don't break the halfway mark until they reach almost 20 years of experience. He related that the average salary of all of our teachers is 20 out of 52 schools in Monmouth County. He related that over the past three years the staff in this district has had to handle some very unfortunate, delicate and well published circumstances. He related that many members of this community, including this town council, have been quick to laud our staff for their resilience in the face of this adversity. He related that many members of the staff have heard so much praise for their initiatives and going above and beyond to help the kids of this district for no other reason then that they care. He discussed some of the programs that were designed to help the children. He related that tonight is not the night to exercise any grudge or settle the futile score borne out of nonsensical politics. He related that tonight is the night to shun the narrow minded view that any of the staff of Manasquan School District has created any economic problem. He related that tonight the Governing Body has the opportunity to maintain the proper perspective surrounding the valuable and vital role the entire District staff plays in all of lives. He related that cutting this budget tonight will result in a less than Adequate education for our greatest natural resources, the children of Manasquan and the surrounding communities.

Patrick Accisano, 18 Gardners Lane related that he voted in favor of the budget but at the time he voted, he did not realize the budget was at the minimum Adequacy level nor did he realize that the increase that was allotted by that budget results in \$67.00 per year. He related that \$5.50 per month is an investment to maintain Adequacy level. He urged the Council to engage in a substantive evaluation of the budget. He related that he understands the need to save a buck these days but it would seem to me that if you frame this issue properly the \$5.50 per month is not for bells and whistles but it is to maintain minimum Adequacy. He urged the Council to not reduce the budget by even a nickel and to remember the constituents that are not old enough to vote yet.

Allison Maher, 380 Euclid Avenue related that she agrees that it is important to reduce the budget and save the taxpayers money but there are other things that have been voted on that will cost the taxpayers money, such as the Squan Beach Life Saving Station which is a 2,000,000.00 project that is going to be funded by tax dollars. She related that to reduce the school budget but spend money on something that doesn't really add a lot of value to the town or the future of the children doesn't make sense. She related that if the budget is cut, the Governing Body should look in other areas.

Jay Maher, 380 Euclid Avenue related that he supports the statements made by the last two speakers and that the budget for this town should not be cut at all. He related that we have to invest in the town. He related that our biggest assets for most of us is our homes and that one would not save \$5.50 by reducing the budget but would decrease the value of the homes by thousands of dollars. He related that whether or not a resident has children in school, they have to invest in the town and education. He related that if Manasquan falls below Adequacy, it will be lumped in with Asbury Park and Neptune. He related that the middle of the town is already run by illegal immigrants that we've yet to resolve that issue and now we are going to continue to decrease the value of our biggest asset. He related that the reductions are not making Manasquan affordable but are decreasing the wealth of all the families. He continued to discuss the negative effects that a budget reduction would have on the Borough of Manasquan. He also asked that something be done about the illegal immigrants that run the center of town.

Teresa Reichey, 420 East Main Street and member of the Manasquan Education Association related that she is well aware of the state of the economy. She related that school employees read the papers, watch television, listen to the radio and look at the internet and they know how things are as well as anyone else. She related that given the current climate they have a heightened sense of what is happening. She stated that she also knows that companies are laying off employees. She related that her colleague are saddened by what these individuals and their families are going through. She related that she also knows that public schools are a part of this Nation and State's commitment to our children and we could never stop or slow down this enterprise. She stated that if we do we risk slowing down the economy even further and risk having our children less prepared than other children in other communities in the State

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that keeps their education staffs in place. She related that the importance of being properly staffed can't be overstated and our children must learn in a broad and wide variety of areas. She related that if people are laid off their families will suffer and if the course options are reduced the children's future options are reduced. She related that she knows that the Governing Body is under tremendous pressure to be fiscally responsible but by cutting the budget the impact on the loss of programs and the laying off of staff will spread unhappiness when our strengths need to be reinforced.

Jim Smith, Manasquan Board of Education related that he didn't have input into this budget because he was only recently elected to the Board. He related that he ran for the Board because he was concerned about our children getting a good education just as his 29, 33 and 35 year old children did when they went through the Manasquan School System, to make sure that the spending in the school system is wise and more importantly to protect the property values in Manasquan. He related that he will not address Adequacy since enough was said about it. He continued to discuss the negative impact of cutting this budget would have on the real estate values in Manasquan. He related that we don't want to be called inadequate. He also noted that this is a budget and not a line item which doesn't mean that the money is spent.

Christine Haley, Curtis Ave and member of the Manasquan Board of Education related that she thinks that we all can agree that no one wants their taxes to go up and everyone wants to see fiscal responsibility. She related that often times when someone votes no on a budget it is because they are expressing their frustration with all the other expenses and taxes in life that are going up. She related that budgets are complex and it is difficult to decide what is fair which is why people vote for elected officials to make informed decisions on behalf of the taxpayer and not to just cut, cut, cut until there is nothing left then we are down below Adequacy with other districts whose company we would rather not be in. She is asking that the Governing Body consider the property values in the Borough. She related that she is a Realtor and that Manasquan is selling 25 percent above the surrounding towns. She urged the Governing Body to not destroy what has taken years to build up in Manasquan. She urged them not to take one dollar from the budget.

Milan Dipierro, 18 Morris Ave related that he agrees with many of the comments made today. He related that what he wanted to bring to everyone's attention is the false rhetoric that people are using to drum up emotion about this issue. He related that the statements of *let's keep Manasquan affordable* is ridiculous. He related that what they are trying to prey on is the fact that Manasquan is not affordable - but it is affordable. He stated that Manasquan is in the top ten most affordable towns out of the 53 towns in Monmouth County according to the 2009 effective tax rates. He related that stating that we want to keep Manasquan affordable is false, inaccurate and is trying to prey on the emotions of this town incorrectly. He reiterated that Manasquan is affordable and we have a great town that we need to invest in. He related that we have the ability to invest in it because we are in the top 10 in affordability in Monmouth County.

Jay Maher, Euclid Avenue stated that since a tax increase is a write-off, the actual monthly increase is less than \$5.50.

Sarah-Jane Millard, 29 South Street related that she is from Europe and has lived all over. She related that this is a wonderful town and if we don't give our children the education that they need there will be a line of Chinese people, Indian people and people from other developing Countries that will be willing to take their place. She related that we need to give our children the education. She stated that she is blessed that her children have such wonderful and dedicated teachers and staff in the Manasquan Schools. She related that if the teachers and staff are not taken care of they will go somewhere else. She related that if we go below Adequacy it will have a horrible effect on the value of the homes in Manasquan. She also related that out of people that earn a degree, teachers are in the bottom 10. She related that they have to be lifted up so we can hang on to them.

A Manasquan Second Grade Student named Emily said that the classroom sizes will get too big if the budget isn't paid and the class sizes are already too big.

A Manasquan Grammar School Student named Alex said that he is afraid that Art, Music and Gym classes will be cut if the budget isn't passed.

A Manasquan School Student named Madison Lyons related that she deserves the same education that her mother got and she is blessed to live in this amazing town.

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John Tischio, 17 Meadow Avenue related that this room is overcrowded and that this hearing should be postponed and held at the school so everyone can hear what is being said.

Cindy O'Connell, Manasquan Board of Education member, an educator for 33 years and the Supervisor of Guidance in Asbury Park. She related that her son went to the Manasquan Schools K through 12 graduating in 2007 and she said Manasquan has excellent teachers. She named some of the reputable colleges that Manasquan students are now attending because of the excellent teachers in Manasquan. She related that we want to keep the excellent teachers in Manasquan and she knows what an excellent education looks like.

Renee Dzenis, 11 Morris Ave related that she has taught at Manasquan Elementary School for 17 years. She related that she started in Manasquan in 1992 making \$26,900 but that she was proud of her education and that she had a job. She related that she is now making \$62,000 after almost 20 years of teaching. She related that she loves what she does and the fact that she gets paid is great. She related that after 20 years she is happy making \$62,000.

Dick Meincke, 36 North McClellan Ave stated the following: " he was disappointed in the committee that reviewed the 23,000,000.00 budget only coming up with a  $\frac{3}{4}$  of 1 percent suggested decrease in that budget. I think that having a large part of the budget made up by direct wages of the people that work for the school system and giving those workers a 4 percent increase a year in the case of the teachers even making it retroactive from the preceding year so essentially they are getting 4 years of a 4 percent increase on top of another contract, uh 3.95 percent - engineers call that 4 percent, okay." He related that expecting a 4 percent increase in this time even last year or the year before or even next year is not a reasonable thing to do. He related that we certainly want good teachers and I think that one of the indicators of whether or not the job is paid adequately, underpaid or overpaid is if there is an open teaching position would there be a person who would apply for it....or in our case it would be 5 people - 10 people applying for it. He related that the secretaries in the school system negotiated their contract and got a 4 percent raise after the town said this was too much. He related that we are not talking about doing anything to the kids education - and the kids education isn't going to suffer because a teacher making \$80,000 a year isn't getting a \$3,200 raise because the teachers aren't the type of people that wouldn't teach the same way. He related that he does not believe there would be any change. He related that all of us are making sacrifices now and it is time for the teachers to step up and make their sacrifices also. He related that wage freezes is a wonderful thing and 4 percent for teachers and secretary staff is not a reasonable thing.

Jim O'Neill, McLean Avenue related that he is in support of the budget as he will support anything to do with the children in the town. He related that he keeps finding himself before the Governing Body more and more fighting for the children. He related that if it is not all about the children then who is it about. He related that there are about 50 to 60 people in the hallway that support the school budget.

Bill McManus, 125 Marcellus Ave related that he is here to support the kids and that everyone has taken a hit economically. He related that the teachers in Manasquan care and we need teachers that care.

Council Member Bossone made a motion to close the hearing, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bossone related that he thought he was in the minority but after hearing that most of the speakers do not support a reduction he now realizes that he is in the majority. He related that he has children in the school system and that he is close to many of the school's teachers. She related that he agrees with the statements regarding property values and that is not looking to make any reductions.

Council Member Lee related that he understands the Elementary School already reduced its staff by 4 or 6. He related that he grew up in Manasquan and was lucky enough that his children could attend this great institution. He related that he has a high degree of satisfaction with the School and a high regard for many of the audience members personally. He related that the real estate connection is very real. He commended everyone for their comments and related that will be taken into consideration when he makes his decision.

Council Member Donovan related that the Board of Education did a great job on the budget and perhaps did too good of a job. He related that it is cut so fine that once it was rejected by the

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voters it is the job of the Governing Body's members to reduce it. He related that his main concern is the Adequacy rating. He related that he doesn't understand how Asbury Park spends \$24,000 per student and is still below Adequacy but Manasquan spends approximately \$12,000 and is right at Adequacy. He related that he is disturbed that the Governor with one signature can affect our property rates and our taxes by reducing the aid to the School by \$1,040,000.00.

Council Member Connolly related that our cuts have nothing to do with teacher's salaries or letting them go. She related that many present in the audience are in favor of no cuts but 53 percent of the taxpayers voted to cut the budget and we have an obligation to them. She related that this is for one year only.

Council Member Bossone stated that this is not for one year. He related that once the school falls below Adequacy it is not for one year.

Council Member Connolly related what is more important is our obligation is to our taxpayers. She related that a \$50.00 cut is not going to be a tremendous impact on the Adequacy. She related that Manasquan has a sterling reputation. She related that it will attract more people because they understand that we are going to take care of our tax rate so the people in our town can live here. She related that we have to think of the Seniors who did not get social security increases and who have no property tax rebates. She related that \$50.00 to them means something. She related that is who we have to think of. She related that we did not want to impact the student programs and we tried not to. She related that the teachers should have stepped up to the plate and given us something but they said no. She related that many of our tax payers didn't get a raise and feel that they are lucky to have a job. She related that these are the people that we are representing. She related that we have an obligation to take care of them. She related that the people in the School should make the sacrifice – we all have to do it.

Council Member Grasso related that Manasquan has a great school system but economic times are tough. He related that they did not take any salaries away in their proposal and that all we are asking is that \$60,000 to be taken out of somewhere to save some money. He related that the Adequacy thing is very weird to him and it doesn't make sense to him. He related that Adequacy doesn't mean money to him but it means what the children are taught, how they are taught. He related that our kids are doing well at half the price of Asbury Park. He related that 94 houses in Manasquan are for sale and no one is buying them. He related that we are in a little trouble and are in it together. He related that this should have been held in the High School Auditorium where everyone could have attended. He related that the reductions have nothing with salaries or taking programs away from the kids and it all has to do with a few items. He related that we have to keep this town affordable.

Council Member Bossone related that Council Member Grasso said that the cuts have nothing to do with it but yet the point was made that the teachers would not take a salary freeze.

Council Member Grasso related that he did not say that but that Council Member Connolly did.

Council Member Bossone related that the point was in the committee's report which Council member Grasso was a part of. He related that last year's budget was approved with an increase of \$164.00 average per household but this year's proposed was at \$67.00 average increase per household. He asked why then stated that it may be in part due to the Governor's plea for all people to vote no against the budget if the town's teachers didn't take a pay freeze. He asked Council Member Grasso if when he was campaigning were the teacher's salaries discussed.

Council Member Grasso stated three times that it is irrelevant. He related that when he was campaigning they said that they had to control the budget, meaning the town budget and that the BOE had nothing to do with his campaign. He related that we were concerned with the town's expenditures. He related that none of our flyers or mailers said anything about the BOE.....period.

Council Member Bossone related that it is relevant because he is aware that Council Member Grasso specifically said to someone who is sitting in the audience this evening that the teachers received a 4 ½ percent raise at that time. He asked Council Member Grasso if he is correct.

Council Member Grasso related that he does not know and that it was just conversation.

Council Member Bossone related that his point is that perhaps people were misled about why the budget should be voted down.

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Council Member Grasso related that 60 percent of the people voted for us so obviously they had something in mind.

Council Member Bossone related that they were misinformed.

Council Member Grasso asked to move to another discussion because this discussion is ridiculous.

Council Member Bossone related that he is trying to make a point as to why perhaps the budget was voted down.

Mayor Dempsey related that he agrees with the comments regarding the effect of the school budget on the property values in the Borough. He related that people come to Manasquan because of the education system and if we start to cut away at what we have we no longer will have the quality of education that we currently have. He related that we will just be another town and not Manasquan anymore. He related that the \$5.00 per day is not a tough burden and that he sees many retirees playing golf which can cost \$50.00 per round. He related that there are some hurting taxpayers but not many in Manasquan. He related that the Borough's tax collection rate is a little over 98 percent which is phenomenal. He related that we can't afford to let our children, who are our future, to be deprived of a quality education, not just adequate, but quality. He related that we have to do the right thing.

Council Member Donovan related that if the budget is reduced this year it cannot be revisited next year because there is going to be a hard 2.5 percent spending CAP on the budget next year. He related that whatever is cut out this year is going to affect what can be asked for next year. He related that if the budget is cut too far this year the school will never be able to make up the \$100,000 next year and they will never be able to get back to Adequacy. He related that it will take years to build up that money again and the criteria is going to change.

It was noted that the motion will be memorialized by resolution at the regular meeting.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to reduce the school budget by \$160,000.00 a one cent decrease, from the school budget, seconded by Council Member Grasso. The motion failed by the following vote: "yes" Council Member Connolly, Grasso. "No" Council Member Bossone, Donovan, Lee.

Council Member Bossone made a motion to pass the school budget with no reductions, seconded by Council Member Lee. The motion was carried by the following vote: "No" Council Member Connolly, Grasso. "Yes" Council Member Bossone, Donovan, Lee.

The work session meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. to the regular meeting following a brief break.

The work session meeting was reconvened to a **closed session meeting** (see at the end of the minutes) at 8:53 p.m.

The closed session meeting was adjourned to the regular meeting at 9:11 p.m.

The work session meeting was reconvened following the regular meeting at 9:50 p.m.

ITEM #2. Letter from John Keynton requesting permission to hold a paper shredding event.

Council Member Connolly made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM #3. Use of Borough Property Events:

- Minnesink Road Block Party – May 23, 2010

Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

- Plaza Gazebo Wedding – May 30, 2010

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Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Council Member Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

- June 18, 2010 Cub Scout Fishing Contest – Mac’s Pond

Council Member Bossone made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Council Member Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

- August 10, 2010 Elks Day at the Beach

Council Member Connolly made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Council member Lucas. Motion carried unanimously.

- June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Plaza Flag Day Ceremony

Council Member Lee made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Council Member Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

- June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Brielle Road Beach Wedding

Council Member Bossone made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Council Member Connolly. Motion carried unanimously.

- Manasquan Recreation Yoga at Inlet Beach – Various Dates

Council Member Bossone made a motion to approve the event, seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Bossone made a motion to adjourn the work session meeting at 9:53 p.m., seconded by Council Member Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

The **Closed Session** meeting, Clerk’s signature and approval date are on the next page.