

ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2010, AT 7:40 P.M., THE JACKSON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL HELD A SPECIAL MEETING IN THE MAIN MEETING ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING (NO EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL:**

**COUNCILMAN KAFTON
COUNCILWOMAN RIVERE
COUNCILWOMAN UPDEGRAVE
COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRESSI
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN**

**ATTORNEY GILMORE
TOWNSHIP CLERK EDEN**

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
MAYOR REINA**

As Clerk of this meeting, I publicly announce that in compliance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act" adequate notice of this meeting of the Jackson Township Council has been advertised in the manner prescribed by law. This statement shall be entered into the Minutes of this meeting.

- (a) Sending Special Notice as required by Section 13 of the Open Public Meeting Act to the required newspapers on November 23, 2010 (publication on 11/27/10).
- (b) Posting the advance written notice on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building.
- (c) Filing the advance written notice of the Township Clerk for the purpose of public inspection.

COMMENTS BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS:

COUNCILMAN KAFTON he has a question that he wanted to ask Mr. Gilmore. He asked about the Jackson code and outlined the qualifications in the code for Business Administrator which include a Bachelor's Degree. Mr. Torres is a very nice man; however, he doesn't have a degree and he has never served as a Business Administrator for any other town, so he is not quite sure why they are there. Attorney Gilmore stated that they are here because the Mayor wanted to introduce Mr. Torres to Council. Attorney Gilmore mentioned Mr. Torres' qualifications and accomplishments and that we'd be lucky to have him as a Business Administrator. Councilman Kafton again stated that the code that Mr. Gilmore's office wrote specifically call for a Bachelor's Degree. Council President Martin asked if the Township Code can be modified. Attorney Gilmore replied that it can be.

JOSE JOEY TORRES – 130 ARLINGTON AVENUE, PATTERSON addressed the Council and goes on to described his position in Patterson and the day-to-day operations he is involved in. Attorney Gilmore stated that he believes that the knowledge and experience that Mr. Torres has will benefit Jackson Township tremendously. Councilman Kafton said that he met and spoke with Mr. Torres, he thinks he's a very nice person; however, we have rules and regulations and you're saying that we can just change them. He is wondering why we paid Mr. Gilmore to write this if it can be changed. Attorney Gilmore replied, as you know, an Ordinance can be amended at any time.

COUNCILWOMAN UPDEGRAVE stated that she sees no problem in giving Mr. Torres a chance. This gentleman has proven to me, after speaking with him for over an hour, and reviewing his resume, that he is qualified and she believes we should give him a chance.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT BRESSI stated his concerns about the Administrative Code; however, after speaking to Mr. Torres and hearing his qualifications he believes that this experience can replace any piece of paper and he will support Mr. Torres.

COUNCILWOMAN RIVERE noted that she too has some concerns and asked Mr. Torres if he'd be comfortable in this position? Mr. Torres replied absolutely.

MAYOR REINA stated that Mr. Torres has hands-on experience. He is a breath of fresh air; he sat down and addressed every concern brought to him tonight. He thanked everyone for coming. He thanked Mr. Torres for coming today.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN mentioned some of the positive attributes he will bring with him to this position. He believes Mr. Torres is the best man for the job.

RESOLUTION 487-R10 REMOVED/NOT USED

PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION 488R-10 ONLY

JOHN GASKILL- 25 NORTH LAKESIDE AVENUE he did a Google search on Mr. Torres and questioned some of the information he found about mismanagement of money in the Department of Housing. Mr. Torres explained that he was not responsible for this.

GARRY BLACK – LEWIS LANE welcomed Mr. Torres to Jackson. He believes that his hands-on experience is much more important than schooling. He goes on to say that Mike Reina is one of the best things that ever happened to Jackson Township and believes he has done it again by picking Mr. Torres.

MARTY SPIELMAN – 37 SHOUL ROAD he believes that Mr. Torres is qualified for the position regardless of his education.

ALLEN STERN – 3 ARIZONA AVENUE asked Mr. Torres if the commute from Patterson will interfere with his position or if he is considering relocating. Mr. Torres replied that it's worth the ride and if you love your job you never work a day in your life. Council Vice President Bressi stated that he had the same question and was satisfied with the answer he got. He mentioned it's not that uncommon to commute, he did it for many years.

LAURA STONE- 130 DOUGLAS DRIVE mentioned that she has a Doctorate. She stated that Parliamentary procedure is very effective and if the meeting can be held that way it will be much more productive and peaceful.

GEORGE MCKAY – 24 JUSTIN WAY suggested we give Mr. Torres a chance, he believes he'll work out great.

KIMBERLY LUM – 8 MONROE PLACE asked Mr. Torres where he presently works. Mr. Torres replied Patterson. Ms. Lum asked how we came across Mr. Torres. Mayor Reina said the applications came from everywhere. Ms. Lum asked if the advertisement asked for a degree. Mayor Reina stated that he believes so. Ms. Lum stated that if they changed the criteria for the position it should have been advertised again so the residents of Jackson had an opportunity to apply if they're interested and they probably would have gotten a lot more applicants.

PETER GRZELAK – 3 ABE'S WAY he agrees with Councilman Kafton and Ms. Lum that rules have to be followed; however, he believes that we have to adapt to certain situations. He commends Mayor Reina for looking outside the box and believes he found a qualified person to take the position. We elected you to be up there and make this decision and ultimately you will be responsible for the outcome.

JOHN GASKILL – 25 NORTH LAKESIDE DRIVE asked if we can amend the requirements for the position and add a four-month probation for Mr. Torres to be evaluated. Council President Martin replied that it is a State Law.

JOHN SUTTLES – MEADOWOOD ROAD he believes if he is appointed tonight that Council would be in violation of their own code.

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT RESOLUTION NO. 488R-11 BY: BRESSI

MOTION SECONDED BY: UPDEGRAVE

YES: RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN

NO: KAFTON

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 488R-10

TITLE: RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JOSE JOEY TORRES AS BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JACKSON

ATTORNEY GILMORE amended the Resolution to include the provision that Council is waiving the educational requirements based on work experience of the individual.

MR. TORRES thanked everyone for giving him this opportunity and he looks forward to working with the Governing Body.

MOTION TO APPROVE BY: BRESSI

MOTION SECONDED BY: UPDEGRAVE

YES: RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN

NO: KAFTON

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Faulkner Act, N.J.S.A. 40:69A-1 et seq., under the Mayor-Council Plan, the Township of Jackson has a Department of Administration; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Administration is headed by a Director who shall be known and designated as Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the Township Council, is desirous of appointing Jose Joey Torres as Business Administrator of the Township of Jackson in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:69A-44

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Jackson, County of Ocean, and State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Mayor, with advice and consent of the Township Council, does hereby appoint Jose Joey Torres as Business Administrator of the Township of Jackson, commencing January 2, 2011, who shall serve during the term of office of the Mayor appointing him, and until the appointment and qualification of his successor. That the appointment is at a salary of \$125,000.00
2. That the appointment of Jose Joey Torres as Business Administrator of the Township of Jackson is made in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:69A-43.
3. The Governing Body expressly waives the educational provision, as established in the Administrative Code of the Township of Jackson, in consideration of Mr. Torres' work experience.
4. That the Mayor is authorized to execute and the Township Clerk to attest to the employment agreement with Jose Joey Torres
5. That a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to Jose Joey Torres, Personnel Department, Chief Financial Officer and any other interested parties.

ANN MARIE EDEN, R.M.C.

DATED: 11/30/10

TOWNSHIP CLERK

BILLS AND CLAIMS

**MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS AND CLAIMS BY: UPDEGRAVE
 MOTION SECONDED BY: RIVERE
 YES: RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN
 NO: KAFTON**

CHECK# VENDOR AMOUNT

12/01/10
08:36:22

JACKSON TOWNSHIP
Check Register By Check Id

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Range of Checking Accts: CURRENT to CURRENT Range of Check Ids: 83624 to 83624
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PO #	Item	Description				Contract	Ref Seq
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V1023007	1	JACKN ADS.HECHT 10/14-11/11/10	280.80	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		1
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023008	1	JCK ADS.JKSN HOLIDG 10/14-11/10	60.00	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		2
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023009	1	JKS ADS HEUBLEIN10/14-11/11/10	234.00	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		3
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023010	1	10/14-11/11JKSN ADS.SCHNEIDER	2,377.77	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		4
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023011	1	10/14-11/11/10 JKSN V YETKA	150.00	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		5
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023012	1	10/14-11/11/10 JKS V ASHLEY	421.20	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		6
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023013	1	JKSNHIGHLAND10/14-11/11/10	358.80	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		7
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023014	1	BANKRUPT MATTER10/14-11/11/10	312.00	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		8
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023015	1	10/14-11/11/10JKSN ADS LEIGH	1,279.20	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		9
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
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				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023017	1	10/14-11/11/10JKSN ADS DYT ENT	87.35	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		11
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023018	1	10/14-11/11/10 JKSN ADS CASTEL	180.00	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		12
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023019	1	10/14-11/11/10 TAX APPEAL	4,298.30	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		13
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
V1023020	1	10/14-11/11/10 GEN MATTERS	24,357.27	0-01-20-155-001-027	Budget		14
				ADM-LEGAL SERVICES-GILMORE			
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Check Register By Check Id

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				SECTION 20 COSTS			
V1023006	1	10/14/10-11/11/10 SOLAR AVE	1,059.60	C-04-55-818-000-928	Budget		2
				SECTION 20 COSTS			
			2,182.80				

Report Totals	Paid	Void	Amount Void	Amount Paid
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Direct Deposit:	0	0	0.00	0.00
Total:	1	0	0.00	2,182.80

PUBLIC COMMENT, ANY TOPIC

TIM JONES – 14 HARVEST COURT asked about the noise Ordinance and the Town’s definition of a holiday. They were working there on Columbus Day and Veteran’s Day and he cannot find anything in the Township Code Book defining a holiday. Mayor Reina stated he would have legal look into the matter.

GARRY BLACK - LEWIS LANE thanked Councilwoman Rivere for breaking from the political norm this evening. He goes on to say that Mayor Reina is doing a lot of good for Jackson and he hopes the new Administrator does the same.

**MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT - ANY TOPIC BY: UPDEGRAVE
MOTION SECONDED BY: BRESSI
YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN**

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY: RIVERE
MOTION SECONDED BY: UPDEGRAVE
YES: KAFTON, RIVERE, UPDEGRAVE, BRESSI & MARTIN

9:10 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MARTIN

ANN MARIE EDEN, R.M.C.
TOWNSHIP CLERK

AME/dmk