

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Mayor and Council, held on the above date in the Council Chambers, Municipal Complex, 70 West Front Street, Keyport, N.J. pursuant to being called by the Mayor and Borough Council, notice on file with the Borough Clerk, forwarded to the Asbury Park Press, Courier, Independent, the Newark Star Ledger and Two River Times, and posted on the Bulletin Board in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Ch. 231

Mayor Bergen called the meeting to order at 7:07PM. and Borough Clerk read the Sunshine Law Notice. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and there was a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

On Roll Call the following were present: Councilmembers Gross, Sefcik, Bolte, Sheridan, McPeek, Mayor Bergen. Others Borough Administrator Ms. Wright Absent: Councilmember Kovacs

DISCUSSION

Administrative matters relating to the operation of the Police Department including various personnel matters

Mayor asked Lt. Casaletto's legal authority to not honor Council's appointment. Lt. Casaletto read Police Chief's Bill of Rights. Feels Council can pay an appointed Sergeant but Police Chief assigns him.

Joe Ruth stated that Lt. Casaletto's answer could lead to disciplinary action and that he should have legal representation.

Discussion ensued regarding Officer Sorber and his performance.

Ms. Bolte asked what is in Officer Sorber's file that Council doesn't know. Want to know how we have a sub-standard Officer employed for 20 years? Lt. Casaletto feels he can't discuss that without Officer Sorber present.

Mayor asked whether Lt. Casaletto approved Officer Sorber to go on the trip with the Police Explorers. Lt. Casaletto said yes it was approved before he was told to cut down on comp time. Lt. Casaletto did approve three days.

Mayor read grievance memo from Officer Sorber to Lt. Casaletto. Lt. Casaletto believes the Grievance is based on comp time. The Mayor disagreed.

Ms. Bolte stated that the council never said there would be no more comp time. Mayor spoke of the Fair Labor Standards Act in regards to comp time and overtime. Lt. Gallo stated that the department does not allow comp time if it creates overtime.

Mayor asked Lt. Gallo if he wants his portion in open session or closed session. He stated he would have it in open session.

Mayor spoke of Lt. Gallo approaching a Councilmember with a disagreement. Gallo, Aumack and Ely were volunteering at Field Day and Gallo approached Councilwoman Bolte in a way she felt was intimidating. Ms. Bolte stated she does not feel comfortable speaking to Lt. Gallo without someone else present. Councilwoman Bolte stated that Lt. Gallo said no one on Council respects the Police Department except for Councilman Gross.

Lt. Gallo spoke of previous charges against him and how he never received discovery. Mayor asked if he would like a hearing scheduled at this point; Lt. Gallo said "yes."

At 9:06pm Lt. Casaletto, Lt. Gallo and others left the Council room.

Council went into Closed Session at 9:06 P.M. and this meeting was reconvened at 9:52 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION

The meeting was opened to the public for comments or questions at 9:52 P.M. moved by Mr. Sheridan, second by Ms. Sefcik with ayes by all present

There being no comments or questions from the public the meeting was closed at 9:52 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made and carried with ayes by all present at 9:53 PM.