

A special meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday February 17, 2009 at the Chopmist Hill Center was called to order at 6:00 PM, Council President Budway presiding.

After pledging allegiance to the flag of our country, Town Clerk Long called the roll:

Councilman Farrar-absent	Councilman Hanna-present
Councilwoman Frederickson-present	Councilman D'Agostino - absent
Councilman Winfield – present	Council Vice-President Collins - present
Council President Budway – present	

Motion made by Council Vice President Collins, seconded by Councilman Hanna and voted to approve the recommendation by Town Treasurer Przybyla to approve the bid award for Bacon and Company for the annual audit for the price of \$27,250.00.

Councilwoman Frederickson –aye	Council Vice-President Collins –aye
Council President Budway – aye	Councilman Hanna-aye
Councilman Winfield-aye	

Motion carries.

Motion made by Councilman Winfield, seconded by Councilman Hanna and to voted to approve the recommendations of the budget committee to modify fiscal year 2008-2009 budget.

Councilwoman Frederickson –aye	Council Vice-President Collins –aye
Council President Budway – aye	Councilman Hanna-aye
Councilman Winfield-aye	

Motion carries.

Town Clerk Long asked if there is any severance to be given to the employees losing their positions and when will their health care expire.

Town Council President said that there is no reference to severance pay in the employee manual, so therefore, their employment will be terminated at the end of this pay period which is this Friday, January 20, 2009.

Councilman Winfield said that it is all about saving dollars and cents.

Town Treasurer Przybyla said that the health insurance premiums have been paid until the end of March 2009, so therefore, their coverage will end April 1, 2009. He said that after that they can purchase their benefits through COBRA.

During Council remarks, Councilwoman Frederickson said that she hopes the residents will appreciate what the Council is trying to do.

Councilman Winfield said that this was a hard decision and wishes the people well.

Councilman Hanna said that this was a very difficult decision.

Motion made by Council Vice-President Collins, seconded by Councilman Winfield and voted to adjourn at 6:10 PM and to keep the minutes of the meetings previously closed to the public; closed pursuant to RIGL 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 and to allow the Town Clerk 14 days to prepare the minutes of the meeting.

Councilwoman Frederickson –aye

Councilman Winfield-aye

Council Vice-President Collins –aye

Councilman Hanna-aye

Council President Budway – aye

Motion carries.

Attest:

Margaret M. Long

Town Clerk