

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bischoff opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** - Present: Matt Severino, Frank Mazza, Patricia Dziubek – arrived at 6:15 pm, Michele McBride, William Bischoff.  
Robert Swisher and Paul Frieda from Suplee, Clooney, Auditor, Grace Brennan, CFO and Ella M. Ruta, Township Clerk, were also present.

Sunshine Law Announcement – “I would like to announce and have placed in the Minutes that adequate notice of this special meeting of the Union Township Committee has been provided in accordance with the “Open Public Meetings Act” by electronic mail to the Hunterdon Democrat and Courier News; and by posting such notice on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and by filing a copy of the notice with the Township Clerk”.

**FLAG SALUTE**  
**PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

- a. Discussion of 2011 Municipal Budget
  - Mr. Bischoff started the meeting with a question to the Auditor “How do we do this budget with 0% increase?” Auditor Swisher replied that the outcome of this year’s budget will greatly affect next year’s budget. He talked about deferring school taxes and using surplus to help balance this budget. Mr. Swisher also reminded the Committee about the 2% levy cap. He also said that there is no simple answer to keep this budget at 0% increase.  
Mr. Bischoff asked how to generate surplus. Mr. Swisher said it is excess revenues or unspent appropriations and there is no regulation regarding surplus.
  - The Committee asked various questions of auditor Swisher and discussed the following options to raise revenue and/or cut spending. These are some of the things that were mentioned and/or discussed: possibility of Fire/Rescue Squad billing for their services, use off tract contributions, using \$35K of capital surplus, charging for dumpster permits, moving historical society to the Municipal Building, hiring traffic enforcement officer (to fine illegally parked trucks), cancel employee dental plan, additional job elimination, eliminating LOSAP, reducing hours for Planning Board employee, hours reduction for Tax Assessment office, elimination of longevity pay, raising employees contribution for health benefits.
  - Discussion about purchasing a new dump truck for UT Road Dept.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business to come before the Township Committee at this time, Mrs. Dziubek made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Severino seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous favorable roll call vote.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ella Malecki Ruta, RMC  
Municipal Clerk