

**VERNON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
January 5, 2008**

The Special Meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Vernon was convened at 9:09 p.m. in the Vernon Municipal Center, Church Street, Vernon, New Jersey with Deputy Mayor Neil Desmond presiding. There were no interested persons in attendance.

STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the public and the press by delivering to the press and posting at the Municipal Building pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct interviews for the position of Township Attorney.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

The roll call of members was called and Austin Carew, Richard Carson, and Neil Desmond answered the call. Also present was Melinda Carlton, Manager. It should be noted that Glenn McLaughlin arrived at 9:35 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Mayor led the assemblage in the salute to the flag.

OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for any questions and/or comments.

There being no questions and/or comments, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public.

Neil Desmond stated that his choice would be to stay with Joseph Ragno as the Township Attorney. Austin Carew stated that he was concerned about continuity and that he needs trust in the attorney

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Neil Desmond made a motion to close the meeting to the public and enter executive session to discuss personnel issues. The motion was seconded by Richard Carson, with all in favor.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permit's the exclusion of the public in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Vernon as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matter.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is interviews for position of attorney.

3. It is anticipated that the above-stated subject matter will be made available when deemed appropriate.

4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The meeting was reopened to the public. The Mayor said we interviewed candidates for the position of Township Attorney.

Glenn McLaughlin made a motion to hire Chasan, Leynar and Lamparello. The motion was seconded by Richard Carson.

A roll call vote was taken: Richard Carson, yes; Neil Desmond, present; Glenn McLaughlin, yes; Austin Carew, yes. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items of business on the agenda, a motion was made by Glenn McLaughlin to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Richard Carson, with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Lycosky, R. M. C.
Township Clerk

Presiding Officer

(Minutes taken by Melinda Carlton, typed by Patricia Lycosky)