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**Strategic Planning Committee
August 6, 2009
Thursday
61 Main Street – Court Chambers
6 pm**

Minutes

In attendance:

Raymond Eppinger
Andrew Salerno
John Trzeciak
Rui Almeida
Thomas MacWithey
Vanessa Pytel

Absent:

Michael DeSantis
Rui Baptista
Frederick Schultz

Borough Administrator, Andrew Salerno welcomed all attendees to the meeting. He stated this Committee was established to interact with our Borough residents and business people to discuss services, options and anything else that is “Important to You.” He stated meetings will be a round table discussion.

Mayor Eppinger welcomed and thanked all the volunteers on the Committee who are dedicating their time to be on the Committee. He stated the purpose of the Committee is not to take the place of the Mayor and Council but to discuss the services that businesses and residents might want to do in the future. He stated departments that may be looked at are Recreation and Office on Aging, along with

anything else that the public might want to do in future years. He stated that this Committee is a planning process for the future.

Administrator reviewed the Mission Statement which consisted of what the Committee is, the Mission, the Vision, the Launching Effort, the Membership and the Time Table/Schedule.

Administrator stated the Mayor and Council do not want this Committee to be a complaint session but to focus on the areas of study and present it to the Council.

Mayor Eppinger suggested that the Members go to the Website to review the Budget Presentation, a copy will also be mailed to the members and the Administrator will do a Budget Presentation at the next meeting.

The Meeting Schedule for 2009 is as follows: 9/24, 10/22, November No Meeting, 12/10, Thursdays at 6 pm, 48 Washington Street, Conference Room.

Member MacWithey stated that he is glad to be on the Committee. He is along for the ride and hopes he can make the Community better. He stated that one of his interests would be in Public/Private Partnerships.

Member Pytel stated that she feels that this is a great opportunity to get involved with the town.

Councilman Almeida stated how important it really is to have the input from our residents. He stated residents should have participation on what the Borough should be doing.

Council President Trzeciak stated that this is a great town; we all want to see the Borough succeed and be proud of it. He stated this Committee should help with the Borough becoming more proactive than reactive.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm. Next meeting 9/24/09, 48 Washington Street, Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Jones
Secretary