

# GLASSBORO IN THE NEWS

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Public Hearing Tuesday, May 25 at 8:00 pm:  
DESPITE ADDITIONAL CUTS IN STATE AID,  
GLASSBORO BUDGET INCLUDES ZERO TAX INCREASE

Glassboro—Glassboro officials kept their promise to maintain a zero tax increase for local residents taxpayers in the \$22.5 million 2010 budget, introduced April 27. This despite an additional cut in state aid—totaling \$235,000 over what was originally anticipated—that forced the governing body to go back to the drawing board to examine possible budget cuts. A public hearing on the Glassboro budget is scheduled for Tuesday, May 25 at 8:00 p.m. in the municipal courtroom in Borough Hall (1 South Main Street, Glassboro).

“The original loss of aid that we assumed was 25%, or a total of \$265,620.75 to be cut. Thanks to union concessions and anticipated revenue from the Rowan Boulevard project, we announced in March that we were committed to holding the line on local taxes,” said Borough Councilman and Finance Committee member Ed Malandro.

But the actual cut to state aid to the Borough will amount to a 50% drop, or \$481,508.00 in lost aid. “That meant that further concessions and cuts needed to be realized to maintain a zero tax increase,” Malandro added.

Throughout the month of April, the Borough sought those additional concessions and line item cuts—totaling an additional \$244,000—to keep taxes flat. This includes postponing one Borough replacement hire for until 2011 and not hiring a part-time special officer for the Police Department for a

combined savings of \$37,900. In addition, all Borough employees with the exception of Police and Fire Department will take four furlough days, shaving \$55,684 from the budget. Also, \$65,523 in new line item cuts has been taken across the board and an additional \$84,893 will come out of surplus for 2010.

The four furlough days include Friday, May 28, Friday, July 2, Friday, September 3 and Monday, December 27. The days have been selected to coincide with holidays and weekends to save on energy costs. Highway department furlough days will be different in order to maintain a regular municipal trash collection schedule.

“I sincerely thank our employees for their willingness to work with us as we try to make up devastating state cuts and loss in revenue,” said Mayor Leo J. McCabe. “The fact that our union representatives have agreed to concessions speaks volumes about their commitment to the Borough of Glassboro and its residents.”

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