

The September 25, 2012 meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room located at 530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike; Mayor Richard Phelan presiding.

The Township Clerk read the following statement for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

*"In accordance with the requirements of New Jersey's Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Meeting Notice which was filed in the Office of the Township Clerk; posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building; published as legal notice in the Suburban Trends newspaper; and provided to all persons requesting notice and providing payment in accordance with Township policy."*

Mayor Phelan led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

#### **ROLL CALL.**

##### Present:

Mayor Richard Phelan  
Deputy Mayor Melissa Florance Lynch  
Councilman Edward Engelbart  
Councilman Jay Vanderhoff  
Councilperson Cathy Winterfield

##### Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager  
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney  
Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk  
Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk

##### Absent:

None

There were 11 members of the public in attendance.

#### **PRESENTATIONS.**

Michael Obremski, Area Manager, Jersey Central Power and Light Co, outlined recent service upgrades including new equipment, communication procedures, and additional employees. In response to questions from the council regarding the tracking of street light and power outages, Mr. Obremski emphasized that it is best for homeowners to report outages directly to JCP&L.

David Cox, 269 Sunset Road, requested an additional street light at Sunset Road and Keech Briar Lane.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.** There were no volunteer reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** There was no public comment.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- **Ordinance No. 2012-23, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 307, LOT 2 (JAMES LUKIEVICS) AND A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 307, LOT 1 (EVELYN NEUNTEUFEL)**

Township Clerk Delaney reported the public hearing on the ordinance would be carried to the next meeting due to a problem with the publication of the required notice.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.** There were no ordinances for introduction.

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2012-160**, confirming memberships in the Pequannock Township Fire Department.
- **R2012-161**, approving payment of the **September 21, 2012 Bill List**.
- **R2012-162**, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the Township and Morris County for Salting, Sanding and/or Plowing Operations.

Mr. Hollberg explained the terms of the Interlocal Agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2012-160 through R2012-162** were adopted by the following vote:

For: Mr. Engelbart, Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Phelan.  
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

#### **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

- Best Practices Worksheet - Mr. Hollberg reviewed the worksheet with the Council and indicated that the worksheet would be submitted the next day.
- Veteran's Preference - Ms. Winterfield read a draft of a veteran's preference resolution and suggested that council review the resolution for consideration at a later date.

**MANAGER'S REPORT.** Township Manager David Hollberg reported the following:

- Met with representatives of the Chilton Hospital EMS to review their run statistics and will meet again next week with representatives from Chilton to discuss financing of the service.
- Met with representatives of the Open Space Committee and the Nature Conservancy concerning Riverwalk easements.
- Senior parking spaces are painted.
- Reviewed updates to the Health Benefit plans offered to employees.

**COUNCIL REPORTS.*****Mrs. Florance-Lynch:***

- Questioned the Township policy concerning use of Paddle Boats and Kayaks in PV Park and Woodland Lake.
- The Central Region Flood Basin Committee is meeting tonight.
- The next Environment Committee is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The next Green Team meeting is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Green Team and Environment Committee had a successful Hoe Down event. Both committees are looking for additional volunteers.
- The Economic Development Committee hosted a popular booth at the Hoe Down. There is a Business Networking Meeting scheduled for September 26.
- The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- In lieu of their regular meeting, the Flood Committee attended the joint meeting of the Army Corp of Engineers and the DEP in Wayne. Their next meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Senior Advisory Committee thanked Mr. Hollberg for the parking spaces. Christopher Lotito has volunteered to conduct free computer classes for senior citizens.

***Mr. Vanderhoff:***

- The Shade Tree Commission is compiling a list for their next round of trimming and cutting.
- The Planning Board has a subdivision application pending concerning a property on the Turnpike, and a major development for Doctor's offices at Chilton Hospital to review.
- The Fire Companies will meet next month.
- Construction of the Water Blending Facility is underway.
- Cablevision now requires a cable box.
- Fire Company No. 2 is holding a fish and chip dinner on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Fire House from 4:30 to 7:30; tickets can be purchased at the door.
- Requested a status update on the Lakeland Regional Solid Waste Utility.

***Mr. Engelbart:***

- Reported vandalism at the Museum and requested DPW assistance in replacing the lights.
- Requested status report concerning the Wi-Fi connection at the railroad station.
- Expressed concern on the planned establishment of the Newark Water Utility.

***Ms. Winterfield:***

- Fair Housing meets September 26
- Teen Advisory meets on Thursday. They are planning a Fall Fever event on 10/27 in Greenvew Park.
- Pequannock Coalition held a training session last week. They are working on an education program for parents concerning host liability
- Asked for an explanation of ABC license renewals.

***Mayor Phelan:***

- Welcomed Mr. Engelbart back.
- Asked for a list of outstanding Construction permits.
- Questioned the status of FEMA reimbursements.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, reminded the Township Manager that there are Health Savings Accounts available to offset the cost of high deductible medical plans.
- Christopher Lotito, 84 Madison Street, asked for information concerning the cost and location of Flu Shots and questioned if there are alternates to rental Cablevision boxes available.
- Dave Cox, 269 Sunset Road, suggested the Township look carefully at procedures for plowing certain local streets. In response Mr. Hollberg explained that the Township does not plow private streets but will ensure that the roads are cleared in case of a need for emergency access.
- Gene Spillane, 18 Cooper Road, thanked the Mayor for his help concerning traffic calming measures and reviewed the state law (PL 2008, c.110) which allows a town council to install traffic calming devices without permission from the County or State. Mr. Spillane presented a

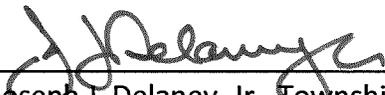
petition signed by the residents of Cooper Road requesting additional traffic calming measures.

- George Ball, 19 Cooper Road, a 52 year resident reported a gradual increase in traffic on Cooper Road.
- Rick Anger, 20 Cooper Rd, a 40 plus year resident, requested a stop sign and speed limit signs on Prospect Place and Shirley Place.
- Jason Falciola, 4 Cooper Road, provided an overview of traffic problems on the road.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, commented on speeding on his street.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, thanked the Mayor and Council and those participating in the MIA flag presentation. In response to questions by Mr. Hebert, Township Manager Hollberg explained some of the effects that changes in Federal Law may have on various health plans and provided information concerning the cost of the Hoe Down, noting the event broke even, excluding the cost of DPW overtime.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- August 14, 2012 Meeting - On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded Mr. Vanderhoff, the minutes were approved by the following vote:  
For: Mr. Engelbart, Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Vanderhoff, Mayor Phelan.  
Against: None. Abstain: Ms. Winterfield. Absent: None.
- August 28, 2012 Meeting - On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded Mr. Vanderhoff, the minutes were approved by the following vote:  
For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Phelan.  
Against: None. Abstain: Mr. Engelbart. Absent: None.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded Mr. Vanderhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. without objection.

  
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Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk