

The November 6, 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 Deputy 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 re-scheduled meeting was filed in the Office of the Township Clerk; posted on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and transmitted the Suburban Trends, The Daily Record and the Record."

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
Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent:

Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, noted that the ordinance in the Township Code concerning the Open Space Trust Fund references the State statute, that the referendum put before the public approved the use of the funds for acquisition of lands for recreation, conservation and debt service and suggested that the Township Code be modified to reflect the referendum. Mr. Oostdyk stated that subsequent to the referendum, State law had broadened the scope of options available. Ms. Winterfield suggested that the Open Space Advisory Board consider the subject. The council briefly discussed various aspects of the issue.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2012-181**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **November 2, 2012 Bill List**
- **R2012-182**, authorizing Tax Office refunds overpayments or cancellations

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Engelbart, **Resolutions R2012-181 and R2102-182** 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.

Mayor Phelan requested council discussion concerning JCP&L. Mr. Engelbart suggested the council contact the Township's State representatives. The council and manager discussed various courses of action such as raising fines and requiring utility companies to move the utilities underground. The council discussed how best to contact residents who need assistance.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

- Mr. Hollberg thanked the staff of the Municipality and the Board of Education for their tremendous efforts during the storm.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Engelbart:

- Commended members of the community who provided support during the storm and expressed particular thanks to the employees who staffed and managed the Senior House and to the First Reformed Church.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Thanked Mr. Hollberg for an outstanding job during the storm.

- Announced that the Parks and Recreation Meeting scheduled for next Monday is cancelled.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Commended Mr. Hollberg and asked for continued communication.
- The next Environmental Commission Meeting is Wednesday, November 14.
- The Green Team is hosting a shred day on December 1. Their next meeting is Tuesday, November 20th.
- The next joint meeting of the Green team and the Environmental Commission is probably cancelled.
- Approximately 30 people attended the Economic Development Committee's business networking event. The committee is working on their Pick Pequannock and Shop Local programs as well as their website, sign ordinance and a Town Guide.
- The Library Board meeting is scheduled for November 21.
- The Flood Committee will meet November 8thth.

Mayor Phelan:

- Suggested the council consider a resolution commending the Township employees and the local business for their efforts during the storm.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Sharon Taylor, Libby Avenue, commended Mr. Hollberg and the township employees for their efforts during the storm.
- Mike Handel, 22 Foothills Drive, commended the Township employees and Mr. Hollberg.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street commended everyone for the great job and asked for better response from JCP&L.
- Mayor Phelan announced that there is a Veterans Day Program next Sunday at 11 am at the cannon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. There were no minutes for approval.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. without objection.



Carol J Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk