

The February 26, 2013 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 mailed 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 David Kohle
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 16 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- The Council recognized Eagle Scouts Ethan Bloomer and Anthony Romaniello.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Rocco Salluce, Fair Housing Committee Chair, requested inspection and enforcement support.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Dave Cox, 269 Sunset Road, commented on his continuing concern about the lack of follow-up on reports of inoperable street lights.
- Rocco Salluce, 152 Jacksonville Road, suggested the Council adopt a resolution opposing the JCP&L rate increase.
- Bob Steffy, 610 Mill Creek, Cedar Crest, suggested creating an incentive program to encourage sewer connections in the area of PV Park.
- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, questioned the status of painting bicycle lanes on West Parkway. Township Manager Hollberg reported the striping had been delayed due to Hurricane Sandy and would be completed in the spring as soon as temperatures allow.
- Bill Thimmel, 134 Mountain Avenue, requested a meeting with residents to discuss maintenance of De Bow Lane. Township Manager Hollberg explained the road is not a municipal right of way, there are both municipal and private easements, and there is no specific authority for the township to maintain the road.
- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, questioned the status and procedures for approving the Chilton Hospital expansion plans.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, questioned the time frame for restriping lanes and walkways. Township Manager Hollberg reported that school crossings are painted every year and others are repainted as necessary.
- Jane Young, 5103 Tudor Drive, requested a handicapped parking in the Glens and was referred to the Glen's management office. Ms. Young also questioned the prohibition on storing motorized carts under staircases. Township Manager Hollberg offered to coordinate with Fire Official Dennis Lonagan to determine an appropriate location.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, stated that he attended the Planning Board meeting last night and expressed concern about the proposed increase in impervious cover upstream from areas that flood.

PUBLIC HEARING.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-02**, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REVISING DAILY USE FEES FOR PEQUANNOCK VALLEY PARK AND WOODLAND LAKE AND ESTABLISHING A NON-RESIDENT FEE FOR BARK PARK TAGS.
 - Mrs. Florance-Lynch questioned the rate change for weekend holiday residents over 60.
 - Ms. Winterfield expressed reservations but thought it important to move forward.

- Members of the council expressed support for the ordinance and for increased attendance tracking.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, questioned enforcement at Bark Park.
- Rocco Salluce, 152 Jacksonville Road, asked if anyone was analyzing workforce productivity.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2013-53**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2013-54**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **February 22, 2013 Bill List**.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2013-53 and R2013-54** were adopted by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- The Apple Chase 5K/10K Run has been rescheduled for May 4.

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

- The Township closed on the third FEMA Severe Repetitive Loss (SRL) acquisition yesterday at 41 Pequannock Avenue. The Council will begin to see contracts for approval under the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) at our next meeting
- After discussions with Green Acres, The Land Conservancy is recommending a plan to move forward with Riverwalk easement acquisitions. The Open Space Committee will review the plan at their March meeting and introductory letters should be going out to property owners shortly thereafter. Quotes for easement appraisals will also be solicited.
- Funding from *Morris County Prevention is Key* has provided a prescription drug drop box for the safe disposal of unused medications. Many months of interaction between our local police, the Morris County Prosecutor's office and the Morris County Sheriff's Office have resulted in a program which will allow Prescription Drugs to be collected and disposed in a safe manner. The drop box has been installed and is located in the hallway inside the Police Department entrance.
- Based on Council discussions at the last meeting, a point of sale system will be installed at PV Park capable of accumulating the data on individual daily passes sold by category. The current software is a program and registration system that does not have the capability to track individual daily passes.
- With today's budget address by the Governor, municipal aid certifications will be available shortly. Another budget work session to finalize the budget before introduction will be scheduled.
- Distributed a project status report to the Council for review.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Kohle:

- Open Space Committee meets tomorrow night.
- Parks and Recreation Committee is attempting to move their meeting from March 4 to March 11.
- Fair Housing Committee meets tomorrow.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Fire Department Chief is working on long term planning.
- Shade Tree Commission met last night; is considering having an arborist develop a long term plan for tree trimming.
- Planning Board met on the Chilton Hospital application last night; discussing a sign ordinance. Reported Planning Board activity is increasing.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Teen Advisory Committee meets Thursday night at 7:30; will be discussing a membership drive and a Teen Coffee House with a live band.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- The next Economic Development Committee meeting is tomorrow night; Fin Credit will be

- attending to finalize their business owners meeting.
- Environmental Commission is completing their stream inspection report; will attend the River Cleanup on April 6th, the street fair on June 9th and is hosting the Morris County MUA Household Hazardous Waste pickup day on October 19th.
 - Flood Committee has collected information from residents in flood zones and would like guidance on how best to utilize the information.
 - Library Board was able to repair a number of chairs at minimal cost.
 - North Boulevard School is hosting their third Read to Feed event. The kick off was this morning at 8:30 and will be reading until 9:00 tonight. Last year they donated over \$1200 to the New Jersey Food Bank. This year a non-perishable food drive to benefit the local food bank is included.
 - The next meeting of the Central Regional Flood Board is March 5th in Little Falls.
 - Credited the Pequannock Coalition and *Morris County Prevention is Key* for donating the prescription drug drop box
 - The 6th annual Family Ice Skating event offered by the Morris County Partners in Substance Abuse Prevention is March 21st.
 - Past and present members of the Green Team met last night and will be providing information to the members of the council.

Mayor Phelan:

- Apologized for not being able to provide the last meeting's video due to family emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville, expressed hope that waste rates would be lowered in light of the County's reduction in landfill tipping fees. In response to a request for information, Township Manager Hollberg and Mayor Phelan provided status on the Village Area Sewer and Water Blending Facility projects.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

- On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the council unanimously approved **Resolution R2013-55**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss a personal matter.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:33 p.m. followed by the Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

The closed session was completed at 8:52 p.m. at which time the Council reconvened the public meeting. Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. There were no minutes presented for approval.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m. without objection.



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk