

The June 11, 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 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.

Present:

- Mayor Richard Phelan
- Deputy Mayor Melissa Florance Lynch
- Councilman David Kohle
- Councilman Jay Vanderhoff
- Councilwoman Cathy Winterfield

Absent:

None

Also Attending:

- David Hollberg, Township Manager
- Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
- Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk

There were 12 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- Proclamation was presented to Eagle Scout James Shaver.
- Fire Chief Christopher Bell and Company 2 Chief James Bonelli presented the Fire Company Standard Operating Guidelines.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Jay Wanczyk, Open Space Committee member, thanked the Council for their support of the Riverwalk project and announced the Township had been awarded a Smart Growth Award from New Jersey Futures. Mr. Wanczyk summarized the project's history and benefits related to park space and emergency management.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Dennis Lombardo, 44 Roosevelt Street, reported a number of vacant properties on Pequannock Avenue and that other towns are widening the River which increases the flow downstream. Mr. Lombardo also stated that the River was once 17' deep and is now 7' deep, and requested information on the status of the Village Area sewer project.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2013-11, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 77 THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND ESTABLISHING REVISED PROCEDURES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESALE APPLICATIONS AND OWNERSHIP CONTROLS**

There were no public comments. On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Kohle, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2013-12, ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$261,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY**

Ms. Winterfield reiterated her objections to the ordinance.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch expressed her belief that more work needed to be done on issues related to the field.

Mr. Kohle stated his support and noted that work needs to be done on the parking issues.

Mr. Vanderhoff stated his support.

Mr. Phelan stated that he would like to see measures taken to address issues concerning access to the field.

There were no public comments. On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2013-13, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER FACILITIES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP**

OF PEQUANNOCK, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$67,000.00 FOR FINANCING THEREFOR

There was no public comment.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2013-14, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING**

In response to questions from Ms. Winterfield and Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Township Manager Hollberg explained how the ordinance would be implemented.

Mr. Vanderhoff noted that many projects reviewed by the Planning Board have already incorporated the regulations implemented by the ordinance.

There were no public comments. On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, 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.**

**Ordinance No. 2013-15, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 029 ENTITLED, "SALARIES AND PERSONNEL" OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK**

Members of the Council expressed their support. On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

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

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2013-100**, approving the renewal of the designated Alcoholic Beverage Control Licenses.
- **R2013-101**, approving the special event application for the Relay for Life of Pompton Valley.
- **R2013-102**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2013-103**, authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel Tax Sale Certificate #924 held by the Township.
- **R2013-104**, authorizing liens on designated properties for costs associated with the abatement of property maintenance violations.
- **R2013-105**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the June 7, 2013 Bill List.

In response to questions from the Council, Township Attorney Oostdyk explained the status of the ABC license held by Mounir N. Badaan.

In response to a question from Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, Mr. Oostdyk also explained that, due to restrictions on the number of licenses, a license that was not renewed would not revert to the town.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2013-100 through R2013-105** 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.**

- **Events Policy**
- Mayor Phelan expressed concern about the lack of observance of the 45-day application rule, and for the strain on First Aid Squad and the Fire Company services.
- Township Manager Hollberg offered suggestions concerning procedures for determining requirements for Public Safety and First Aid services and for the time frame of applications.
- The Council discussed various aspects of the policy.

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

- Village Area Sewer bids have been advertised and a pre-bid meeting with prospective bidders scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> week in June to go over the some of the details because it is a complex bid and project; bids will be opened July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The plan for striping on West Parkway includes the addition of 33 parking spaces along the field side of West Parkway with a "No Parking" area at the fence. The Township will paint the spaces

for now and as part of their project Chilton Hospital will be responsible for marking the spaces with more permanent thermoplastic striping.

- Congratulated all those involved in the Riverwalk for receiving the NJ Futures Award.
- West Franklin project status was distributed earlier.
- A Goose Strobe has been installed near the swim lanes at PV Park.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

##### ***Mr. Kohle:***

- Open Space Committee met last night. They are in the opening stages of discussing how the Riverwalk is going to be marked.
- Fair Housing Committee met with the new Zoning Officer on May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Parks and Recreation Committee met on June 3.
- Senior Picnic is scheduled for June 12 at Greenview Park.
- The Farmers Market begins on June 20 at Foothills Park.
- The Senior Olympics was held at the end of May. Thanked the volunteers for their help and congratulated the participants.

##### ***Mr. Vanderhoff:***

- Planning Board approved the Chilton Hospital application and a resolution should be read July 1.
- Fire Company 2 meets tomorrow night.
- Noted the number of pot holes developing on Boulevard from Mountain to Hopper.

##### ***Mrs. Florance-Lynch:***

- Thanked the Women's club for their help in with the Library's Book Sale and the community for their contributions of books, and noted that the book sale is still in progress during Library hours. The Summer Reading Program is kicking off this Saturday and the next Library Board meeting is next Wednesday at 7:30.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30.
- Green Team will be meeting on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Flood Committee meets this Thursday.
- Thanked the Environmental Commission, Green Team, Economic Development Committee, and the Pequannock Coalition for their participation in the Street Fair. Three more businesses were signed up for the Tax Reward Program at the Street Fair and progress is being made on the program.
- The Relay for Life event starts Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 4 o'clock.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Lou Hebert, 22 Copley Court, reported the Memorial Day parade as a great success with many more participants and spectators than usual. The Street Fair was successful with new vendors, a better variety of products, and many more spectators. Mr. Hebert also asked if there were plans to put parking on West Parkway. Mr. Hollberg explained the rationale for restricting parking to the east side of the road.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.** There was no executive session.

**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.

  
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Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk