

The June 25, 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:

"Pursuant to 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.

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

PRESENTATIONS.

- The Council recognized the members of the Pequannock High School Future Business Leaders of America.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Fredrick Mahler, representing Route 23 Honda, announced Route 23 Honda will be holding a Tent Event on July 18 and requesting a waiver of the special event application deadline. Township Manager Hollberg reported an event that is confined to the site, uses no outside vendors, and serves no food, is a special sale and does not require an Event Permit.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin, noted Dave Cox is moving from the Township and thanked him for his many years of service to Pequannock Township.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, reported that Greenview Park looks great, that there is an improvement in water quality, and that the Greater Pompton Deborah Chapter will be reserving a table at the Hoe Down again this year. Ms. Marchese also requested that the fee be waived for charitable organizations.

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

The council expressed support for the ordinance.

- Dave Cox, 269 Sunset Road, suggested capping salaries. Mr. Hollberg explained that there is already a cap on terminal leave and that this ordinance eliminates terminal leave payouts.

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.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2013-106**, reappointing Jay Delaney Township Clerk.
- **R2013-107**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **June 20, 2013 Bill List**.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolutions R2013-106 through R2013-107** 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.

- Draft Committee Policy - The Council expressed support for the policy, and discussed the balancing of committees and the time frames for submitting and considering applications.
- Vacation of a portion of Hearle Drive right-of-way: Township Manager Hollberg described the circumstances of the ordinance, and recommended vacating the right of way. The council expressed no objections.

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

- Bids were opened today for Electrical Contracting Services and the EMS Support Vehicle for the First Aid Squad. After review of the submissions, recommendations for award will be made for the next Council Meeting.
- Township closed on the purchase of 40/42 Pequannock Avenue last week which includes 2 residential structures on a single lot. We were able to use a combination of funding from FEMA and Morris county Open Space to complete the purchase. We were able to close just before the County funding commitment expired.
- Quotes were received and Purchase Orders have been issued for the final design work for West Franklin and line striping on West Parkway. Line striping should be completed within 2 weeks.
- Township crews will remove the tracks at Alexander Avenue and patch the area to eliminate the bump and pot holes over the next few weeks. Road Improvement work on Jefferson will include removal of the tracks. The County will do the same for the railroad crossing at the Turnpike, but not until next year.
- The Township Engineer and Township Manager attended a meeting of the four towns involved in the river desnagging project to review the status of the existing grant. The meeting was also attended by a representative of DEP who updated us on the potential availability of additional state funding later this year. We will prepare a bid for the remainder of the work to be completed along the Pequannock and Riverdale sections of the permit area. We discussed putting together a joint application for an additional permit to cover sections of the Pompton River not in the current permit.

COUNCIL REPORTS.***Ms. Winterfield***

- Expressed her approval for filling the DPW position with a veteran.
- Reported improvement in the water quality since the blending facility has been in operation.
- Attended the Farmers Market and reported that it was outstanding.
- Requested that potholes on the Turnpike near the Railroad tracks be marked if they can't be repaired quickly.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Reported that the Library book sale is winding down. Books are now \$2 for shopping bag full. The summer reading program has 438 kids between the ages of 2 and 14 signed up. The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18.
- The Environmental Commission requested information on the Morris County Mosquito Commission schedule and on the procedure for possible DNA testing of the PV Park water. The next meeting is scheduled for July 10.
- The Green Team suggested there be recycling containers at the Farmers Market. There is a tentative date of November 9th for the next Shred Day. They are having difficulty scheduling the use of the parking lot. The committee requested Garbage and Recycling statistics and suggested a Welcome Package be developed.
- The Flood Committee discussed the recent desnagging bill and the Community Rating System.
- The Economic Development Commission meets June 26. Cards for the Tax Credit program should be available soon.

Mr. Kohle:

- Reported a great turnout at the Farmers Market.
- Volunteers are needed for the spring triathlon.
- Requested information on the resident survey.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Thanked Mr. Hollberg for completing the house closings for the River buy out.

Mayor Phelan:

- Requested status on Cablevision cameras.
- Requested information on supplying iPads to the Council.
- Thanked Mr. Delaney for distributing the agendas on Thursday.
- Suggested changing the start time of Council Meetings to 7 p.m.

Township Clerk Delaney was directed to provide notice the July 9th meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Dave Cox, 269 Sunset Road, stated that salaries need to be limited.

- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, requested that crosswalks be painted on the Turnpike.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, congratulated the Council, Parks and Rec, and all those involved with the Farmer's Market.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the April 9, 2013 and April 23, 2013 meetings were approved by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Phelan.

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. without objection.



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk