

The July 23, 2013 meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 7:00 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

There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Committee Chair, presented an updated report on Open Space purchases.
- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, Open Space Committee member, expressed his support for the Township purchasing property at a reasonable price for use as a Community Center.
- Robin Jones, Open Space Committee member – In response to a request for information of the value of selected property, Mayor Phelan reported the assessed value is \$143,000 and the appraised value is \$283,000.
- Tom Andrea stated that he was one of those that emailed the Mayor requesting a community center; and commented that it may be feasible to build a center even on property located in flood plain.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Margaret and Mike Cassano, 30 Hampton Avenue, expressed anxiety over the time the buyout process is taking for the Township purchase of their property.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, complimented the County Road Department and the Township Police Department on the repaving of Newark-Pompton Turnpike, commented that the sidewalk on Jacksonville Road between Newark-Pompton Turnpike and the Boulevard needs repair, and stated the PV Middle School flag pole needs to be refreshed.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2013-16, AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF HEARLE DRIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK

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.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2013-118**, authorizing an addendum to the contract with James P. Cutillo t/a Cutillo Enterprises for the purchase of 351 Route 23 (Block 2701 Lot 9).
- **R2013-119**, authorizing an addendum to the contract with MIKO II LLC for the purchase of 45 Pequannock Avenue (Block 4115 Lot 10).
- **R2013-120**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **July 18, 2013 Bill List**.

Ms. Winterfield requested information concerning refunds for Recreation programs.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch requested information on the location of the properties specified in the contract addendum.

On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2013-118 through R2013-120** were adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Mayor Phelan provided a brief explanation of the CFO Certificate of Determination.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no items for discussion.

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

- The Township closed on 35 Pequannock Avenue last week under the FEMA SRL program.
- Quotes for a Bond Anticipation Note were received last week. The coupon rates ranged from 0.74% to 1.25% as our cost of capital continues to be very low. A copy of the determination and award was included in the meeting package.
- Work on the Turnpike Paving project from Sunset to Jacksonville Road has been completed. Sidewalk and ramp work continues on the section from Sunset Road to Evans Place. Project plans for the Boulevard paving project from Lincoln Park Road to Cooper Road have been received from the County.
- Bids were opened today for the Village area sewer project. A total of six bids were received with a wide range in the cost of the proposals. All bids are under review and a completed bid tally will be distributed by the end of the week.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Winterfield

- Requested a copy of the draft of the resident survey.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Environmental Commission discussed the Morris County Mosquito Commission; Hazardous Waste date is Saturday October 19th; the next meeting is Wednesday, August 14.
- Green Team has scheduled a Shred Day for November 9th and is working on submitting items to Sustainable Jersey and researching future grants. The next meeting is scheduled for August 26.
- Both the Environmental Commission and the Green Team will be at the Hoe Down on September 21.
- The Flood Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, August 8th.
- 23 businesses have signed up for the Tax Reward program. Reward cards are being printed. The next Economic Development Committee meeting is July 24th.
- There will be no August meeting for the Library or Senior Citizen advisory boards.

Mr. Kohle:

- Reported on the addition of 35 Pequannock Avenue to the Open Space list. The next Open Space Committee meeting is scheduled for August 12.
- Fair Housing's July 25th meeting has been cancelled.
- The Triathlon was a huge success with approximately 315 participants.
- Noted the improvement on the road near the Alexander Avenue rail road tracks.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Requested a letter be sent to Marcos Plaza concerning their landscaping.
- Planning Board will meet at the end of August.
- Shade Tree Commission's July 22 meeting was cancelled.
- Requested notification to the County to repair pot holes in crosswalks from Sunset to Sherman.
- Requested Police patrol bikers riding through Pequannock Township.
- Suggested the Flood Committee update their contact list to reflect the many new owners of properties in flood zones.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Bobby DeGeorge, Jupiter Florida, reported on issues concerning the trees on his property and requested relief from the tree replacement requirement.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, requested information on the cause of PV Park water contamination. There was a discussion of the methodology for testing the water.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, disputed Mr. DeGeorge's earlier statements regarding tree replacement.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Court, questioned when the lake had last been drained and cleaned. Mr. Hollberg reviewed some issues concerning the lake.

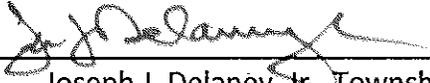
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no executive session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, minutes of the May 14, May 28, June 11, June 25, and July 9, 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 8:20 p.m. without objection.



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk