

The February 11, 2014 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 Melissa Florance-Lynch presiding.

Township Clerk Delaney 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 Florance-Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

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

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. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Jay Wanczyk, Historic District Commission chairman, introduced Commission members present: Lou Hebert, Robert Safarik, Anita Daniels, Dave Wisneski and Commission member/Township Historian Ed Engelbart. Mr. Wanczyk reported the Commission's recommendation the Township take the steps necessary to preserve the Martin Berry House which is among the oldest homes in the Township.
- Ed Engelbart, Township Historian, provided historical information on the property, structure and the family which built it. Mr. Engelbart outlined possible use of the building for expanded historic programs if acquired by the Township and presented several options for the management and maintenance of an historic home; and suggested the available funding from the County and Township open space/historic preservation trust funds be used.

Mayor Township Manager Hollberg reported he anticipated having cost estimates for an appraisal of the property but has not received the quotes from the Land Conservancy.

- On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the Township Manager was authorized to obtain an appraisal at a cost up to \$1,200.00 by the following vote:
For: Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Florance-Lynch.
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-01, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 2306, LOT 20 (90 VILLAGE ROAD) FROM RICHARD BRATTOLI AND JULIE BRATTOLI

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2014-02, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE #2010-22 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED NOVEMBER 23, 2010 IN ITS ENTIRETY WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE VILLAGE AREA SEWER EXTENSION PROJECT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND INCREASES THE APPROPRIATION TO \$16,100,000 AND THE BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED TO \$15,525,000.

Township Manager Hollberg explained the ordinance details which increases the funding and adds eleven properties to the project and assessment process. Mr. Hollberg reported on the projected sewer rate as properties connect to the system and assessments are paid. In response to questions from Ms. Winterfield, Mr. Hollberg reported the availability of

Community Development grants for qualified homeowners for connection and assessment costs.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- R2014-51, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- R2014-52, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- R2014-53, authorizing execution of a contract for supplemental property acquisition services with The Land Conservancy of New Jersey.
- R2014-54, authorizing the Municipal Alliance Grant application for fiscal year 2015.
- R2014-55, appointing a member to the Open Space Advisory Committee (Jeffrey Mauriello)
- R2014-56, appointing a member to the Economic Development Advisory Commission (Griselda Scott)
- R2014-57, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Kinnelon for QPA services.
- R2014-58, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the Borough of Bloomingdale for QPA services.
- R2014-59, authorizing an Interlocal Agreement between the Township of Pequannock and the Pequannock Township Board of Education to provide sewers for PV School.
- R2014-60, approving the Festivals, Carnivals, Exhibitions & Shows Application for the Apple Chase 5K/10K Run.
- R2014-61, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the February 7, 2014 Bill List.

Township Manager Hollberg responded to questions from Council members concerning the escrow, QPA, and sewer agreement resolutions. Ms. Winterfield questioned the approval process for special events. Mayor Florance-Lynch complimented the Township Manager on pursuing the shared services.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, Resolutions R2014-51 through R2014-61 were adopted by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Mr. Phelan questioned the policy on property owners keeping fire hydrants clear after snowstorms. Township Manager Hollberg reported the requirement under state law.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Resolution of the Township of Washington Re: Supporting Establishment of Water Tax Bill

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

- Projects completed: bollards installed at Company 2, generator installed Wells 1 and 2, telephone system installation completed.
- Bids advertised for Boulevard sidewalks; plans are being completed for Jefferson Street project.
- Budget workbooks will be distributed this week; workshops scheduled for February 20, February 27, and March 6.
- Reminded residents to remove snow from around fire hydrants; and not to push snow into the streets after plowed.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Kohle:

- Parks and Recreation meeting rescheduled to February 4; Spring Fling on April 26; Trout Contest on April 5; Townwide Garage Sales on May 17 and August 23; Farmers Market moved to Town Hall.
- Open Space Committee met February 10.
- Complimented Public Works on their snow removal efforts.

Ms. Winterfield:

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Mr. Phelan:

- First Aid Squad will be looking to replace ambulance next year.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Questioned the Foothills Park light pole.
- Commented on the Christmas Tree sale site which is still up.
- Planning Board continues to discuss sign ordinance.
- Fire officers meetings: Company 2 on Thursday; Company 1 on Friday.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Announced the planned adult program at Library has been postponed; Knights of Columbus Blood Drive at Good Counsel Church on February 23; Suburban Women's Club Dinner on March 12; Deborah Foundation pizza party will be February 27 at Senior House; volunteers needed for River Clean-up on April 5.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, commented on the phenomenal job done by Public Works in maintaining roads; questioned the Township Manager on the County-Township snow-plowing agreement and the salt supply.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2014-62**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss tax appeals and negotiation was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:20 p.m. followed by the Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- Tax Appeals (Carbone, Salamone) - Township Attorney Oostdyk reported on the proposed settlements of the appeals.
- Bower – The Township Manager reported on the sign request in the Township right-of-way.

The closed session was completed at 8:32 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened. 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 8:33 p.m. without objection.



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk