

The February 25, 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.

- Ken Hardaker, Flood Committee chairman reported the committee is working with Code Enforcement Officer Hoffstader; reviewing eligibility for flood elevation grants with an experienced Louisiana company; reminded the spring flood season is approaching and all should be aware of downstream discharges.
- Nick DeStefano, Flood Committee vice-chairman added they are reviewing Wayne Township grant efforts and reported there is a six-week window for the July applications for flood grants.
- Roger Imfeld, Flood Committee member commented that elevation is preferred over buyouts to keep properties as buildable and remain part of the tax base.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, commented that garbage rates should be reviewed and suggested the citizen committee be reactivated.

PUBLIC HEARING - 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 reported \$3 million has been borrowed and the original ordinance is being amended with ten (10) homes, the PV School and an additional highway crossing being added to the project. The estimated assessment is \$14,000; a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, commented that homeowners should be told the amount of the assessment cost and questioned the amount that has been borrowed so far.
- "Glenn" with Virginia Industries on Jackson Circle, questioned the anticipated assessment for commercial properties. Mr. Hollberg stated the single-family homes will be very close to the estimate provided but that every business is very different with the final assessment based on the enhanced value.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, 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 INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- R2014-63, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- R2014-64, authorizing payment of \$1,069.03 to Kenneth Cascio for Accumulated Leave.
- R2014-65, authorizing the reinstatement of a special sewer assessment payment plan

- **R2014-66**, certifying that the members of the Governing Body have reviewed the Annual Report of Audit for the Year 2012.
- **R2014-67**, accepting conveyances in connection with the Village Area Sewer project.
- **R2014-68**, terminating the contract for Washington Park Improvements - Phase 2 previously awarded to JC Landscape Construction & Management Co., Inc.
- **R2014-69**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **February 21, 2014 Bill List**.

Township Manager Hollberg reported the Washington Park project (R2014-68) is being terminated by mutual agreement. The soil removal will be re-bid separately.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2014-63 through R2014-69** 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.

- The draft Committee Policy resolution was reviewed with changes agreed upon for formal consideration at the next meeting.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

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

- A non-binding letter of intent has been submitted for Morris County Historic Preservation grant to keep the Township's options open regarding the Martin Berry house.
- Reported on recent meeting to review the County Open Space Trust.
- Insurance JIF training for elected official is being scheduled.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Announced that Historic District Commission member Ed Engelbart has been appointed to the Morris County Historic Preservation trust fund review board.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing Committee will meet February 26.

Mr. Phelan:

- Commented on the email concerning Morris County dedication to filling potholes. Mayor Florance-Lynch questioned if the town or individuals were reporting potholes; county has online contact and a number to call; encourage people to call RDPW; suggestion of adding a link to the county website to report potholes; discussed putting a slide up on 77 concerning potholes.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Questioned Township Manager Hollberg on the status of the sewer backflow ordinance.
- Planning Board will meet on March 3 and will discuss sign ordinance and zone changes. Reported the question about digital/electronic signs at gas stations is on hold but the topic is something that needs to be decided upon as a Council.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Economic Development Committee will meet February 26.
- Tax Reward Program: 3 new businesses were signed up: a hair salon, dentist and optometrist; discussed ability of Dr. Patel's practice joining the tax reward program due to the high percentage of his clients who do not have insurance; update on the reward program will be addressed at the next meeting.
- Greens of Hope Food Packing Event: March 2 at PV Middle School.
- Women's Club holding annual Tricky Tray and dinner on March 12 at the Best Western Regency House.
- Deborah Hospital Foundation hosting pizza party, open house mixer and social event on February 27 at 7 p.m. at the Senior House.
- Annual River Clean Up scheduled for April 5.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned the Farmer's Market being a Township event; commented on the size of potholes on Jacksonville Road; traffic on the Turnpike and questioned the status of the eyesore on the Turnpike and the Cedar Crest tax appeal.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, announced the American Legion is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Dinner on March 8.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street - in response to a question on the schedule for planned


crosswalk improvements, Mr. Hollberg reported it is planned as a late spring project.

- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue - in response to a question on the status of the McDonald beach property development, Mr. Hollberg stated the permits are in place but there is no news.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. without objection.



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr. Township Clerk