

The March 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.**

- Proclamation was presented to Eagle Scout Robert White

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Tom Andrea, Parks & Recreation Committee vice-chairman presented a \$11,700 quote to provide a liner for the Greenview Park pond for installation.
- Tom Andrea, Environmental Commission, reported on "flushable wipe" experiment conducted at SJG School Environmental Club. Mr. Phelan suggested the club would enjoy a tour of the TBSA facility.
- Rocco Salluce, Fair Housing Committee chairman, reported on the status of non-compliance by unit owners and the scheduled meeting with management at The Glens.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Lauren Bergen, 39 Woodland Place, complained about the unsafe condition of property at 26 Cooper Road and expressed objection as the property owner is in conflict as a Township board member.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road - in response to a question regarding the transfer resolution, Mr. Hollberg reported the resolution will not be approved tonight.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Rowland Road, commented on the recent newspaper article on the proposed flood tunnel and expressed her support; suggested a tax credit be allowed for homes which are elevated.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were no public hearings.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.** There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2014-70**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2014-71**, establishing policies and procedures for the appointment to various Township Boards, Commissions and Committees.
- **R2014-72**, authorizing the transfer of 2013 Budget Appropriation Reserves.
- **R2014-73**, authorizing the settlement of the claim brought by Dennis and Victoria Boyle challenging a sewer assessment and vacation of a sewer special assessment levied against Block 4106, Lot 8.
- **R2014-74**, awarding a contract for the Village Area Sewers Phase 14-3 Project to Underground Utilities Corporation for the contract amount of \$13,486,013.36 in accordance with the bid specifications.
- **R2014-75**, approving final change order for the Washington Park Improvements (Phase II) project.
- **R2014-76**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2014-77**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **March 7, 2014 Bill List**.

Resolution No. R2014-72 was removed from consideration.

Mr. Phelan expressed some reservations regarding the Committee Policy and in response to a question, Township Attorney Oostdyk stated the resolution will expire at the end of the year. On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2014-70, -71 and R2014-73 through R2014-77** 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.** There were no discussion items.

**REPORTS AND NOTICES.** There were no reports or notices.

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

- DEP has announce De-snagging Grants; Township was awarded several grants jointly with other municipalities.
- Township is investigation street lighting alternatives.
- Resident meeting for the Village Sewer project is scheduled for March 13.
- West Franklin street project will begin next week.
- Boulevard sidewalk project bids will be opened tomorrow.
- Budget is scheduled for introduction on March 25 with no tax increase.

**COUNCIL REPORTS.**

**Mr. Phelan:**

- Questioned Township Manager Hollberg and attorney regarding the First Aid Squad request to hold wetdown at Greenview Park: a one day ABC permit will be required.
- Requested advance notice of invitations for the various events

**Mr. Vanderhoff:**

- Commended the Manager and staff on the grants.

**Ms. Winterfield:**

- Historic District Commission met and discussed the Martin Berry House; working to prepare a presentation for the public and scheduling tours for the Council. Historic District Commission member Christopher Lotito discussed photographs taken at the Martin Berry House, the minimal damage found at the house and the need to appeal to the public in order to find stewards.
- Teen Advisory Committee - noted the failure to move forward as a committee due to overscheduling of teens and suggested discussion of formally dissolving the committee.
- Commented on the great idea for tax credits for property elevations and questioned if the flood committee had done anything in this area.

**Mr. Kohle:**

- Open Space Committee met on March 10 and discussed trail marker signs and meeting with Parks and Recreation and the Environmental Commission to discuss the properties being acquired; the Environmental Commission had discussed possible projects but no decisions had been made.

**Mayor Florance-Lynch:**

- Flood Advisory Committee will meet March 13 in conjunction with the village sewer project.
- Tax Reward Program update: 1,300 families registered; tax credits earned since the inception of the program is \$18,000; projected through the April 30 fiscal year to be at \$22,000; currently 27 participants; will need to work with Township Manager Hollberg to finalize the next phase of the roll out to getting the remaining cards out.
- Stop & Shop will open to public in mid-May; job fair will be held in late March with preference given to veterans and individuals with disabilities.
- Environmental Commission will meet on March 12.
- River Clean-Up Day: Saturday April 5; additional volunteers needed.
- Cedar Crest hosting Memorial Day "Field of Honor" event rom May 20 to May 27: each flag displayed will be sponsored by residents, staff, and area businesses for \$40 each.
- Knights of Columbus hosting a St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance on March 15 from 7-11 p.m.; tickets are \$30.
- Columbiettes hosting Potato Night fundraiser on March 21 from 5:30-8 p.m.
- Army Corp of Engineers holding three public information meeting regarding the project analysis report on the Passaic River Basin from 7-9 p.m. on March 25 in Fairfield, 7-9 p.m. on March 27 at Pompton Lakes High School, and from 7-9 p.m. on April 3 at the Lyndhurst Fire Department.

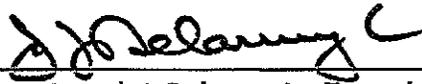
**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road requested clarification of the main points concerning the Committee Policy; requested an explanation of the difference between \$16 million and \$13 million for the Village Area Sewer costs; the cost for the school to connect to the sewer system; and commented on the School Board tax increase.

**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 8:20 p.m. without objection.

  
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Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk