

The March 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
Councilwoman Jay Vanderhoff

Absent:

Councilman Richard Phelan

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk
Robert Grant, Construction Official
Joseph Golden, Township Engineer

There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Township Engineer Joe Golden presented an overview of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) which reduces flood insurance premiums for property owners based on the level of public education and enforcement activities the Township conducts. Mr. Golden provided information of the activities presently conducted by the Township and demonstrated the public information and education materials available on the Township website.
- Construction Official Bob Grant presented recommendations for ordinance changes, some of which are included in existing DEP regulations, regarding zero-net fill, free-board requirement from 2 feet to 3 feet, requiring foundation design by professional, cumulative substantial damage, non-conversion agreement for enclosed spaces below flood level, and establishing a public information committee.
- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, thanked Bob Grant and Joe Golden for the presentation, and questioned the impact of the proposed regulations for properties outside the flood plain.
- Township Manager Hollberg outlined the plan to address the recommendations over the next several months. The Council expressed general agreement with the recommendations with the exception of the 50% substantial cumulative damage.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Kiernan Heck, 22 Fairview Avenue, expressed support for a humane approach to goose management at PV Park and requested approval for his group of volunteers to addle goose eggs. Township Manager Hollberg requested he be provided with the appropriate documentation.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, reported on his receipt of a letter from Senator O'Toole regarding the amount of state-aid received by the Township and School District; and requested clarification of the temporary budget resolution.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2014-78**, authorizing the transfer of 2013 Municipal Budget Appropriation Reserves.
- **R2014-79**, adopting an extended 2014 Temporary Budget.
- **R2014-80**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department.
- **R2014-81**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2014-82**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2014-83**, approving Engine Co. No. 2 Bylaws.

- **R2014-84**, awarding a contract for the Boulevard Sidewalk Reconstruction project to DM Fernandes Contracts for the contract amount of \$153,959.75.
- **R2014-85**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **March 20, 2014 Bill List**.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolutions R2014-78 through R2014-85** were adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- **Castle Development** – Township Manager Hollberg reported the development project by the property owner is moving forward and Developers Agreement is being drafted to provide for an escrow deposit to cover required inspections. Township Engineer Golden recommended a restoration bond be required in the event the project is abandoned. Ms. Winterfield expressed her desire for the property being acquired for public use as an alternative to the development. Mayor Florance-Lynch suggested the stormwater maintenance bond be extended beyond five (5) years.
 - Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, Environmental Commission member, expressed support for the environmental impact requirement be strengthened.
 - Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned the responsibility for any environmental clean-up.
 - Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, noted that much has changed in terms of flooding since the project was approved; encouraged the Council to do something to stop the property from being developed.
- **Sewer system Backwater Valves** – It was agreed an ordinance be drafted for introduction.
- **Sewer connection requirements** – Township Manager Hollberg recommended a three (3) year connection period be required; a longer period creates enforcement tracking issues. The Council generally agreed to provide three years to apply for the permit and make the connection to the sewer system.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- NJ DEP correspondence re: de-snagging grant.
- Senator O'Toole – correspondence to DEP Commissioner Bob Martin re: Passaic Basin reservoir.
- Netcong Borough - resolution supporting legislation to extend the required Employee Health Care Benefits Payroll Contribution set forth in Chapter 78, P.L. 2011.
- Union Township, Franklin Borough - resolutions in support of a water tax.
- Correspondence from Mason Ford re: Water Tunnel construction.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

Township Manager David Hollberg reported the following:

- Boulevard sidewalk project bids came in below estimate.
- Crew Engineering made a presentation on the new Water Blending facility at the N.J. Water Association conference in Atlantic City.
- Reported on the status of extension of the Interest Arbitration legislation.
- Designated email notice on sewer project updates is available; traffic updates will be on the AM radio.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Planning Board is quiet.
- Fire Co. No. 2 would like to get away from erecting signs over the Turnpike for outside organizations.
- Shade Tree work is caught up.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Historic District Commission presentation on the Martin Berry House at Library on March 31; urged Council to tour the building.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing Committee meeting March 26.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Announced Army Corp of Engineer/DEP Passaic River Basin meetings on March 25, March 27 and April 3 to present plans for levies and flood walls, non-structural buy-outs, Newark Bay Tunnel.
- Green Team is working on Anti-Idling educational campaign at Hillview School.
- Village Sewer project meeting was held.

- Looking for volunteers for River clean-up on April 5; sign-up through Parks & Recreation.
- Economic Development Committee will meet on Wednesday.

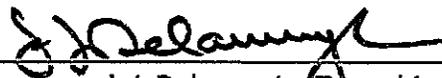
PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, reported the curb construction on Franklin Avenue is moving along; no sidewalks yet.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, Fair Housing Committee chairman, reported the committee is soliciting buyers to get their name on the list.

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 9:03 p.m. without objection.



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk