

The July 22, 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
David Ruitenberg, Esq.
Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk

There were 12 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, commended Township Engineer Joseph Golden for the quality of his notification letter regarding the paving project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-15, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$495,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue: In response to a question from Mr. Spizzirri, Township Manager David Hollberg explained the purchase of one piece of fire equipment appears in two capital ordinances as it will be funded from two separate sources for a total appropriation of \$725,000.00.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-16, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND APPROPRIATING \$1,137,000 FROM EXISTING CAPITAL FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-17, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SEWER UTILITY EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND APPROPRIATING \$170,000 FROM THE SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL FUND BALANCE.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-20, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REVISING THE FIELD USAGE FEES

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-21, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 117 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND ADDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE NOISE LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN PUBLIC PROJECTS

Mr. Delaney reported a letter of objection has been distributed to the Council.

At Mr. Phelan's request, Mr. Hollberg explained the ordinance clarifies policy regarding noise limitations for Municipal projects.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-23, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REGULATING SIGNS

Mayor Florance-Lynch reported the ordinance will be re-introduced in order to incorporate recommendations of the Planning Board.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the ordinance was tabled by the following vote:

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

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-24, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 (PARKS AND RECREATION) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REVISING FEES FOR PEQUANNOCK VALLEY PARK AND WOODLAND LAKE

Mr. Phelan expressed opposition to the ordinance.

- Jack Snowdon, 52 Ramapo Road, expressed opposition to allowing non-resident daily admissions to PV Park citing examples of problems at other facilities and stated PV Park is not meant to make a profit.
- Roger Fednik, 23 Lockwood Avenue, expressed concern about allowing non-resident daily admissions at PV Park.
- Norma Snowdon, 52 Ramapo Road, re-iterated concerns about incidents at other facilities and expressed support for raising rates or taxes instead.
- Jean Hebert, 11 Copley Court, expressed concern about the ability of the park employees to keep order if problems arise, and requested information about the reasons for discontinuing the use of chlorine.
- Roger Lang, 3 Mountain Avenue, questioned if there was a financial crisis regarding PV Park. Mr. Hollberg reviewed factors which have led to a decrease in memberships to the Park and interest in increasing revenues.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, requested the ordinance be tabled and other options considered.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan to reject the ordinance, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the ordinance was defeated 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.

- **R2014-149**, authorizing payment of accumulated leave to Paul Cimins.
- **R2014-150**, authorizing payment of accumulated leave to Mace Koroski (Estate).
- **R2014-151**, authorizing the designated Special Event Permit Application.
- **R2014-152**, approving Fire Co. Membership (Naser).
- **R2014-153**, appointing Planning Board Member(s).
- **R2014-154**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2014-155**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.

- **R2014-156**, authorizing the reinstatement of special assessment installment payment plan.
- **R2014-157**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the July 18, 2014 Bill List.
- **R2014-158**, appointing Nichole Caravella to the Economic Development Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolutions R2014-149 through R2014-158** 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.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-18**, BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$2,270,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,270,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF (Introduced July 8; Hearing Scheduled August 12)
- **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-19**, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(A) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 2007-08 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED APRIL 24, 2007 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT (Introduced July 8; Hearing Scheduled August 12)
- **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-22**, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3(A) OF BOND ORDINANCE NUMBERED 2014-02 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED FEBRUARY 25, 2014 IN ORDER TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PROPERTIES (Introduced July 8; Hearing Scheduled August 12).

Mr. Delaney stated ordinances 2014-18, 2014-19, and 2014-22 have been held pending completion of special notice requirements and are scheduled for adoption on August 12, 2014.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Township of Wayne Ordinance No. 9 amending Ch. 134 (Land Development)
- Township of Wayne Ordinance No. 18 amending and supplementing Ch. 134 (Land Development)
- Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders Resolution No. 47 to urge President of the United States to utilize powers to secure release of Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi from Mexican custody
- Planning Board Resignation email- Nick Kapotes.

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

- To avoid travel complications associated with the construction on the Turnpike, the Farmer's Market will be held at the Library this Thursday.
- Dirt removal from Washington Park was completed today. In total 5,200 tons of material was removed from the site. With this portion of the work complete, we will determine how much work can be completed with the available funding and develop a new project for bidding.
- Removal of material from the bottom of the Greenview Pond will be complete this week and the Bentonite should be delivered next week. A new Accessible Deck / Dock will be installed and a suitable habitat will be created to sustain fish.
- The Township has been awarded \$100,000 under a FEMA Hazard Mitigations Program for Energy Sustainability. These funds will be used to install generators at additional locations that do not currently have them. Of the 10 locations that were identified that needed new or replacement generators after Hurricane Sandy, 4 have been completed and 2 are under constructions. This grant will support our effort to complete all locations within the next two years.
- Sewer Construction will continue along the Turnpike and on Evans Place. Information newsletters were distributed last week and a Sewer Information page has been added to the website.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing Committee meets July 23rd.

Ms. Winterfield

- A report on the Martin Berry House has been distributed and tours of the Glenburn Estate in Riverdale are being arranged. Friends of the Martin Berry House meets tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion.

Mr. Phelan:

- First Aid Squad is having their Wet Down on August 2nd. If Council members have time to help, please volunteer.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- No report.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Green Team meets next Monday, July 28th. The Team is organizing the next Shredding Day.
- Environmental Commission and the Green Team will be at the Hoe Down in September.
- Information regarding the Tax Reward program has been distributed.
- A generous donation of \$360,000 has been made to the Library by the estate of Virginia Ford. The donation is to be used for capital projects. An expanded children's area is being planned. Library Director Rose Garwood will be retiring as of September 30th. A new director has been hired.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, suggested the Pick Pequannock program be used at PV Park, requested construction dust from the sewer project be watered and expressed concern about speeding on West Franklin Avenue.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, questioned why Council Meetings are not being posted on Channel 77.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolution R2014-159**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss a property acquisition and personnel was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:10 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Potential acquisition of a property on Mountain Avenue from Geraldine Mines and funding sources for the same and a personnel issue. The closed session was completed at 8:14 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.)

Mr. Ruitenbergh summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

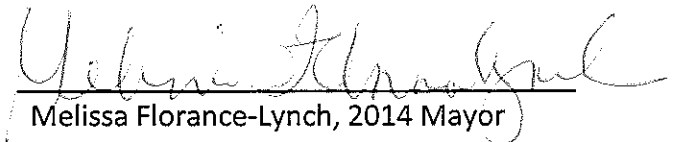
On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, minutes of the January 28, February 11, and March 25, 2014 meetings were approved by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. without objection.



Prepared June, 2017 by
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Melissa Florance-Lynch, 2014 Mayor