

The August 12, 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
Councilman Jay Vanderhoff

Absent: None

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk

There were 28 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- W. Jay Wanczyk, Historic District Commission Chair, introduced a new community organization, The Friends of the Martin Berry House, and urged the Council to consider acquiring and preserving the property.
- Ed Engelbart, Township Historian, presented the Council with information regarding the historical importance of the Martin Berry House and described funding options available for its acquisition and maintenance.
- Paul Havemann, 5 Pheasant Drive, Oak Ridge NJ, former resident of Pequannock, outlined possible fundraising opportunities and uses for the Martin Berry House.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, reported on the Committee's discussion of easements related to the Riverwalk.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, thanked the Council for their support of "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" and recommended the Council visit the wrecked car that is on display at the High School the week before Homecoming.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, reported having a great time at the First Aid Squad Wetdown and complemented Mr. Hollberg for his work on the Sewer Project.
- Patricia Fox, 3 Manor Avenue, expressed concern about the safety of traffic patterns related to the Village Sewer Project.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - 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

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. 2014-19, 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

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. 2014-22, 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

- Patricia Fox, 3 Manor Avenue, requested information on the costs for homeowners and why only certain homes would be affected. Mr. Hollberg described the various costs and the time frames in which payments would be required, and explained commercial zones and flood areas were prioritized.

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.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2014-25, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 1001, LOT 2 (255 MOUNTAIN AVENUE) FROM GERALDINE B. MINES

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.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2014-26, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REGULATING SIGNS

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.

- **R2014-160**, supporting the **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over 2014 Statewide Crackdown**
- **R2014-161**, awarding a contract for the Jefferson Street Reconstruction project to AJM Contractors Inc.
- **R2014-162**, authorizing reinstatement of special assessment installment payment plan.
- **R2014-163**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2014-164**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2014-165**, authorizing execution of Grant Agreement between Pequannock Township and the County of Morris establishing means of conducting certain Community Development and Home Activities Program.
- **R2014-166**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the August 1, 2014 Bill List.

In response to questions from Ms. Winterfield, Mr. Hollberg explained how demographics and funding formulas have affected the distribution of Community Development Block Grants.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2014-160 through R2014-166** 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.

- Spectra Energy Partners/Texas Eastern- Transmission – Pipeline maintenance notification.
- Flood Hazard Area Permit Application Notice (B-1704, L-3)
- Wayne Township – Notice of proposed Five Year Consolidated Housing and Community Development Plan.
- Netcong Borough resolution in support of promoting the preservation, growth and development of New Jersey Military Facilities.

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

- An updated Project Status Report has been distributed. Some highlights include:

- Improvements to the Greenview Pond have been completed.
- Concrete work for the Boulevard Sidewalk Project has been completed.
- Jefferson Street Property Phase 2 Environmental Study is complete.
- The appraisal for the Riverwalk Easement on Block 2007, Lot 3 has been received and reviewed by the Open Space Committee. They will have a recommendation for moving the easement process forward.
- The number of complaints about the conditions of West Sunset Road has increased recently. West Sunset has not been accepted as a municipal roadway so minimal maintenance has been performed in the past. A short term and long term game plan to address the condition and bring the road into a form that could be accepted by the Township is under development. A more detailed report will be provided in the coming weeks.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Winterfield

- Urged Council to submit any questions they might have regarding the proposed property acquisition to The Friends of the Martin Berry House.

Mr. Kohle:

- Open Space Advisory Committee met last night. The Committee is ready for the Hoe Down.
- Requested information about the scheduling of Fireworks.
- The Council will present members of the Future Business Leaders of America with a proclamation in recognition of their success at the 2014 National Leadership Conference.
- Fair Housing met on July 23rd and requested support of the Code Enforcement Officer.

Mr. Phelan:

- First Aid Squad thanked Council members for their support at the Wetdown.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Fire Company 1 is working on plans for an addition.
- Fire Company 2 outbuilding is near completion.
- Requested homeowners on the Boulevard be reminded to put salt on their sidewalks.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Asked for suggestions concerning a date for Fireworks.
- Environmental Commission meets Wednesday at 7:30.
- Flood Control Advisory Committee meets Thursday at 7:30.
- Will be absent from the next Council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, reported on the activities of the Fair Housing Committee in ensuring compliance with affordable housing regulations and requested information on the status of assessments for completed sewer projects.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, questioned if there is a timeframe for repainting the crosswalks on Newark Pompton Turnpike, commented on the lack of Council Meeting videos and requested an explanation of the notice concerning the Flood Hazard Area Permit Application Notice (B-1704, L-3).
- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, objected to the condition of the carpet in the courtroom.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, requested consideration for appointment to the ad hoc Solid Waste Committee.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, noted the Martin Berry House presentation was not listed on the agenda, commented that several agendas had not been posted, recommended more financial information be available, characterized some comments regarding membership at PV Park as offensive and questioned if there were plans for money recently donated to the public library.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolution R2014-167**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition and litigation was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:52 p.m. Frank Spizzirri, Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee Chair joined the Executive Session at which the following items were discussed:

- Acquisition and funding for easements recommended by the Open Space Committee. Direction was given in that regard. Mr. Spizzirri excused himself from the Closed Session.
- The Council was updated by the Township Attorney on the matter of Dixon vs. the Township and a proposed settlement agreement by the Township was authorized.

- The Council was updated on the Martin Berry House acquisition and discussed a procedure regarding the negotiations on that property. The manager will follow up on that direction.
- The acquisition of the property on Alexander Avenue was discussed and direction was given to the Township Manager.

The closed session was completed at 9:27 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

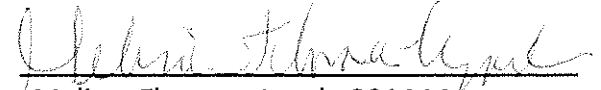
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. without objection.



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


/Melissa Florance-Lynch, 2014 Mayor