

The September 9, 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 8 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.** There were no presentations.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Tom Andrea, Environmental Commission Secretary, reported the Commission unanimously voted to recommend the Council adopt an ordinance regulating invasive plants, especially bamboo while noting the difficult enforcement issues. Councilman Phelan commented the Council had previously heard comments on this issue and noted that bamboo is not listed as an invasive or obnoxious plant by the USDA.
- Rocco Salluce commented that the bamboo can be cut, dried and used as stakes for tomato plants.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Darlene Cronin, 38 Oping Road, expressed frustration with the bamboo which has invaded her property from her neighbor's and detailed her efforts to remove the bamboo. Councilman Phelan suggested Ortho brand poison ivy/bush killer.
- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, questioned the status of the reciprocal use of the Lincoln Park swim club and the meeting room carpeting, suggesting the replacement be a high priority; and reported several signs on Copley and Franklin which are violations.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, expressed concern about code enforcement in the Township and reported numerous violations of the Fair Housing regulations; and requested the revenue/expense report for recreation programs. Township Manager Hollberg outlined the Township's enforcement efforts and noted the recreation report is included in the budget package. Mr. Salluce urged the Council to re-establish the garbage committee.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Rowland Road, reported the curbs and sidewalks at Gerace School have been replaced.
- Agnes Rudolph, 39 Hilton Street - in response to a question regarding digital signs, Mayor Florance-Lynch reported the pending ordinance limits digital signs on the Turnpike to gas prices.
- Kevin Mesh, 9 Evans Place, commented on the coming World Teacher and urged all to allow the World Teacher into their hearts.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, noted the recent passing of former Mayor Dave Cox and stated his desire to serve on the garbage committee.

**PUBLIC HEARING - 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**

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. 2014-26**, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REGULATING SIGNS

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: Mr. Phelan, Ms. Winterfield. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 2014-27**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 4107, LOT 10 (ANTHONY FRANCHINO & CAROL FRANCHINO); A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 4105, LOT 24 (ILENE GREENFIELD); AND A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 4114, LOT 9 (ALBERT PANICCI & CLAIRE PANICCI)

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.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE NO. 2014-28**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 307, LOT 4 (EVELYN NEUTEUFEL

Township Manager Hollberg reported this property is the final FEMA "repetitive loss" acquisition.

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

- **R2014-176**, approval of Fire Company Membership (Wintemberg)
- **R2014-177**, authorizing reinstatement of special assessment installment plan
- **R2014-178**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits
- **R2014-179**, authorizing Manager to bid at Tax Sale
- **R2014-180**, authorizing TD Bank Merchant Resolution
- **R2014-181**, Conveyance of Sanitary sewer easement (621 Turnpike, Inc.)
- **R2014-182**, Conveyance of Sanitary sewer easement (615 Turnpike, Inc.)
- **R2014-183**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the September 5, 2014 Bill List.

Township Manager Hollberg noted R2014-179 has been revised to include "or the Manager's designee" and the Bill List has revised to remove the \$480.00 payment for PO #62984.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff **Resolutions R2014-176 through R2014-183 as revised** 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.**

- Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Special Ruling re: Badaan License renewal – it was agreed to list the renewal resolution on the next agenda.

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

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

- Online auction of surplus vehicles generated \$47,829.
- Tax Sale scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Contract awarded for additional de-snagging project.
- NJDOT grant application for Mountain Avenue improvements this fall.
- Updated project status report distributed.

**COUNCIL REPORTS.****Ms. Winterfield**

- Friends of Martin Berry House will present program at Cedar Crest on Thursday and before the Council in October.

**Mr. Kohle:**

- Parks and Recreation met last night and discussed the creation of a PV Park ad hoc

committee.

- Open Space Committee also met last night but he did not attend.

**Mr. Phelan:**

- Reported the First Aid Squad is experiencing issues with providing back-up to Tri-Boro First Aid.

**Mr. Vanderhoff:**

- Reported work is progressing on Fire Co. #2 building.
- Company #2 rescue boat has arrive; Company #1 boat should arrive this week.
- Fire Co. #1 is working on expansion plans.
- Shade Tree Commission meets later in the month.

**Mayor Florance-Lynch:**

- Reported a proclamation was presented to 66-year Fire Company member Jack Lowe.
- Announced the 9/11 service will be at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.
- Environmental Commission meets September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Flood Advisory Committee meets on Thursday at 7:30 p.m..

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, noted Dave Cox's passing and commented he will be missed.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolution R2014-184**, authorizing an Executive Session was unanimously adopted. The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:05 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- Township Attorney Oostdyk provided an update on the proposed purchase of the Alexander Avenue property and reported on the property owners plans to perform the environmental clean-up.
- Mr. Oostdyk reported on a pending sewer assessment appeal.
- Mr. Oostdyk provided an update on the pending Cedar Crest Tax appeal.
- Township Manager Hollberg reported on a Developer Agreement for a Sunset Road property and announce Public Works negotiations are starting soon as the contract expires December 31.

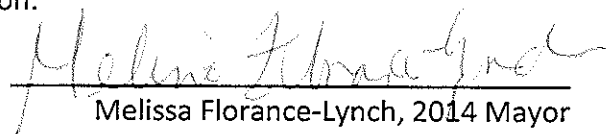
The closed session was completed at 8:24 p.m. at which time and the public meeting was reconvened.

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 8:24 p.m. without objection.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. without objection.

  
Melissa Florance-Lynch, 2014 Mayor

