

The September 23, 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 6 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Chris Bell, Chief of Fire Company No. 1, thanked the Council for their support and outlined the need for the new equipment which is on the agenda for the Council's consideration.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, thanked Chief Bell and the Fire Company members for the service they provide to the community. Mr. Andrea also questioned the types of material to be included in the recycling contract under consideration in resolution R2015-192.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, commented on several aspects of recycling collection and enforcement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2014-185**, approving renewal of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Consumption License issued to Mounir N. Badaan.
- **R2014-186**, approving issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control Social Affair Special Permit for Holy Spirit School
- **R2014-187**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits
- **R2014-188**, authorizing the purchase of fire apparatus from Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. awarded a contract for such equipment in accordance with the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- **R2014-189**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts by the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council and the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- **R2014-190**, proclaiming the week of October 5-11, 2014 Mental Illness Awareness Week.
- **R2014-191**, authorizing the discharge of Affordable Housing Program Mortgage (Barraco).
- **R2014-192**, consenting to the assignment of the recycling contract to Get-A-Can, Inc.
- **R2014-193**, authorizing revisions to the Agreement between the Township and the County of Morris establishing a cooperative means of conducting certain Community Development and Home Activities Programs.
- **R2014-194**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the September 18, 2014 Bill List (REVISED)
- **R2014-195**, accepting a conveyance in connection with the Village Area Sewer project.
- **R2014-196**, authorizing the Tax Collector to cancel Tax Sale Certificate 2014-002 held by the Township
- **R2014-197**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2014-185 through R2014-197** 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. 2014-28**, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 307, LOT 4 (EVELYN NEUTEUFEL): Hearing scheduled for next meeting.
- Mayor Florance-Lynch requested the Township Council consider participating in the High School FBLA sign sponsorship program with personal contributions. Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan and Mr. Vanderhoff expressed support. Ms. Winterfield stated her objection to the Council's providing financial support as a body noting there are many school activities worthy of support. On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, participation in the program by the sponsorship of a banner, which explicitly states it was paid for with personal funds, was approved by the following vote:
For: Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Vanderhoff, Mayor Florance-Lynch.
Against: Ms. Winterfield. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Correspondence from Verizon New Jersey, Inc. re: Return of Tangible Personal Property.
- NJDEP notice re: Pequannock, Lincoln Park & Fairfield Sewerage Authority (TBSA) financial assistance.
Mr. Phelan reported the Sewerage Authority has experienced flow increases which are related to the increased connection of sump pumps. Township Manager Hollberg stated the Township is reviewing options to address the issue.
- Jefferson Township notice re: Ord. No. 19-14.
- Jefferson Township notice re: Ord. No. 20-14.

MANAGER'S REPORT.

- Township Manager David Hollberg reported the following:
- Jefferson Street project is scheduled to begin next week.
 - Walkable Communities working plan is nearly complete.
 - Sewer flow indicates an Inflow & Infiltration issue which is being reviewed for future discussion.
 - Collective Bargaining Agreement with Public Works employees expires at year-end; the initial negotiation session was held this week.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Vanderhoff: No report.

Mr. Phelan:

- Reported receiving complaints from neighbors regarding furniture stored on Township related to a garage sale at the Community Garden.

Ms. Winterfield:

- The Historic District Committee will be making a presentation regarding the Martin Berry House at the October 14th Council meeting.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing Committee meeting tomorrow.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- The Suburban Women's Club requested adoption of the resolution declaring October 5-11 Mental Illness Awareness Week; the Club's Garage Sale is this weekend; Rededication of Grace Chapel after the recently completed renovations.
- Suggested a Council member participate on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
- Thanked those who attended the Hoe Down and fireworks and suggested forming a fireworks committee. After discussion, the Council agreed to continue the fireworks with Ms. Winterfield expressing concern with the cost and the limited number of people who attend the display.
- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow.
- Library Board: Library Director Rose Garwood is retiring at the end of the month; new Director Debbie Maynard started September 15th; Library statistics report is available; library use is up 160% since moving into the new facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, commented on drainage issues, questioned where the sign ordinance could be located, and requested clarification of the rules regarding contractor signs.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, suggested all sign regulations be reviewed.

- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, requested review of road conditions on Libby Avenue; requested information on the success of the farmers market this year; and suggested the Council request assistance from the FBLA regarding Fireworks.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolution R2014-198**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Tax Appeal (Etel)

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:03 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Tax Appeal (Etel): The Council approved the settlement of Etel Realty, LLC v. the Township of Pequannock.

The closed session was completed at 8:08 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.

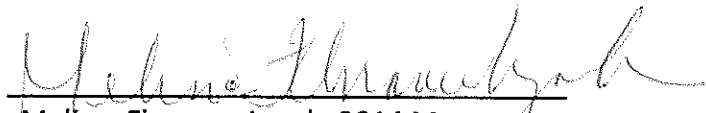
There were no minutes presented for approval.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m. without objection.



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



Melissa Florance-Lynch, 2014 Mayor

