

The January 13, 2015 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 Cathy Winterfield 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 Winterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor Cathy Winterfield  
Deputy Mayor David Kohle  
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch  
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 3 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.** There were no presentations.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Rocco Salluce, Fair Housing Committee member, reported almost full compliance with Township requirements and thanked Township Manager Hollberg for his help in supporting the committee's efforts.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road - In response to a question concerning the status of the sewer project, Township Manager Hollberg reported the contract is currently on schedule.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were no public hearings.

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.** There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

**RESOLUTIONS.** The incorrect resolution numbers as listed on the agenda were corrected to reflect the year 2015 as follows:

- **R2015-33**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2015-34**, authorizing a Social Affairs Permit for Pequannock Township First Aid & Rescue Squad.
- **R2015-35**, establishing the rate for employment of off-duty Police Officers for the year 2015.
- **R2015-36**, accepting substantial completion of Phase 1 of the Village Area Sanitary Sewer System.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch requested clarification regarding the Police off-duty rate increase and the sewer hook requirements upon acceptance of the sewer system.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolutions R2015-33 through R2015-36** were adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

- Committee Appointments – it was agreed that appointments to fill existing vacancies will be held until June.

**REPORTS AND NOTICES.**

- Pequannock River Coalition letter re: Flood Hazard Area/Wetlands Permit.
- Board of Adjustment Hearing Notice: Brian Miller re: 5 Ridge Road (B-202, L-5)

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

- Hazard Mitigation property acquisitions of 34 Hampton Place and 21 Lyman Avenue have been completed.
- West Sunset water main work has been completed by the developer.
- Bids have been received for Emergency Tree services and Emergency Water Repairs with a recommendation to follow after review of the bids; no bids were received for the PV Park Concession.
- An updated Project Status report was distributed.

**COUNCIL REPORTS.*****Mr. Kohle:***

- Solid Waste Committee met last week with Gaeta Recycling representatives.
- Parks and Recreation met and selected Tom Andrea as chairman and Bill Zickler as vice chair.
- Open Space Committee met and selected Frank Spizzirri as chairman.
- Suggested repairs to the gazebo as an Eagle Scout project.

***Mrs. Florance-Lynch:***

- Flood Advisory Committee did not meet due to a lack of a quorum.
- Environmental Commission will meet on the 14th

***Mr. Phelan:***

- Announced the annual First Aid Squad Casino Night is scheduled for February 7th.

***Mr. Vanderhoff:***

- Fire Co. met and selected officers for 2015 and noted Company No. 1 will celebrate their 100th Anniversary this year.

***Mayor Winterfield:***

- Suggested establishing an ad-hoc committee to organize the Township's 275th Anniversary celebration: Councilman Phelan and Mayor Winterfield volunteered.
- Questioned the status of the solicitation ordinance changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned the status of litigation regarding the Turnpike property next to the service station and commented about trash tipping fees.
- Henry Samek, 4 Misty Court, expressed opposition to the County bike path project and suggested the funds would be better spent on addressing infrastructure needs; urged the Council adopted a resolution in opposition to state and federal gas tax increases.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Rowland Road, inquired about the Martin Berry House negotiations and questioned if the Manager has discussed price with the property owner. Township Manager Hollberg reported the matter is the subject of tonight's Executive Session.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. .**

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2015-37**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss property acquisitions, personnel and litigation was adopted without objection.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 7:33 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- Property acquisitions – Township Manager Hollberg reported on the negotiations regarding the Martin Berry House and provided an update on the environmental remediation at the Adventure Holdings property.
- Township Manager Hollberg reported on the status of the Township Clerk selection.

The closed session was completed at 7:40 p.m. at which time the public meeting reconvened. Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the minutes of the January 6, 2015 Reorganization meeting were unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. without objection.

  
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Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk