

The February 10, 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 Catherine 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 Catherine 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
Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk

There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Ed Engelbart, Township Historian, Historic District Commission member, announced a meeting to be held on February 23, 2015 at Senior House to discuss plans for Pequannock's 275th anniversary, wished the Manager success with negotiations on the Martin Berry House, reported that he had been appointed to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Advisory Board, and provided the council with material on Energy Audits.
- Louise Marchese, Economic Development Committee Recording Secretary, announced new Committee member Kelly Florio, provided information on the property tax reward program, reported Mike Simone of Pompton Lakes will attend a committee meeting to discuss a BID program, and reported on local grand openings.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, commended Bill Pereira and the DPW staff for working during extreme conditions and requested status on the replacement of carpet in the Municipal building.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, objected to the characterization of Pequannock as two communities on the website.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Rowland Road, thanked the Township for providing funding for the Township Committees and questioned the status of the Homestead Rebate program.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, suggested new seats in Council Chambers and requested dates of Budget meetings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION.

- **Ordinance No. 2015-01**, ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 124 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, SECTION 124.06, ENTITLED FEE FOR REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2015-50**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2015-51**, authorizing the Tax collector to cancel Tax Sale Certificate #2014-012 held by the Township.
- **R2015-52**, authorizing the reinstatement of special assessment installment payment plan.
- **R2015-53**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2015-54**, authorizing submission of the 2014 Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- **R2015-55**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the February 5, 2015 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2015-50 through R2015-55** 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.

- Historic Preservation Statutes.
 - After a brief discussion the Council determined that no changes to the Historic District Committee ordinance would be pursued at the present time.
- Canvassing, Soliciting, Itinerant Vendor ordinance.
 - The Council requested the ordinance be updated to regulate the licensing of Itinerant Vendors, and the time frames in which Itinerant vending activities would be permitted.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, re: Video Justice Internet Based video conferencing.
- Historic District Commission Correspondence.

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

- The Municipal Audit has been completed. An electronic copy has been posted to the website and filed with the State.
- The proposed 2015 Budget is in Council's mailboxes. The proposed overall budget increases by 2.5% supported by a tax levy increase of 3.9%.
- A presentation regarding Walkable Communities Improvements is planned for February 24th.

COUNCIL REPORTS.**Mr. Kohle:**

- Solid Waste met last Friday and will be ready to present a recommendation of options to the Council in approximately two weeks.
- Fair Housing met last Wednesday.
- Will not be attending the next Council meeting.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Environmental Commission will meet tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.
- Economic Development reorganized. Jeff Turi is the new chair, John Driesse is the co-chair and Louise Marchese is the Recording Secretary. Questionnaires have been distributed to businesses participating in the Property Tax Reward program. The committee is working on performance measures for Fin Credit and plans to report the findings next month.
- Flood Committee will be meeting on Thursday at 7:30.

Mr. Phelan:

- The First Aid Squad's Casino night took place last Saturday. The evening was a success, with 155 people attending.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Fire Co. No. 1 met last Friday. They are reviewing specifications for the new truck and construction of the truck should begin shortly.
- Fire Co. No. 2 will be meeting Thursday night.
- Requested the Council consider modifying zoning in the C-1 district to allow 3 stories with 2 floors of apartments and requested members of the Council visit towns such as Haskell and Butler who have implemented similar zoning.

Ms. Winterfield:

- There will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor at 3 p.m. Sunday Feb 15th.
- Relay for Life would like to attend the March 10th Council meeting.
- Bark Avenue would like to schedule a Grand Opening on Feb 28th between 10 a.m. and 4 pm.
- The Historic District Commission is trying to locate contact information for heads of organizations to disseminate information on activities of the 275th Anniversary Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, suggested the Council include the word advisory in the Historic District Commission name, requested the Planning Board provide a representative to the Open Space Committee, and suggested information be provided concerning what would be regulated by the Itinerant Vendor ordinance.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned the amount of funds remaining from last year's budget, inquired if there is a position open on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, and suggested signs that specify "no vendors" be considered as part of the regulation of Itinerant Vendors.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle **Resolution R2015-56**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:02 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the council discussed the status of the open State Tax Appeals, and the matter of Handel vs. Pequannock and an update was given by the Township Manager in that regard. The Council discussed a contract and direction to the manager was given in that regard.

The closed session was completed at 8:28 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened. Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussions. No formal action was taken.

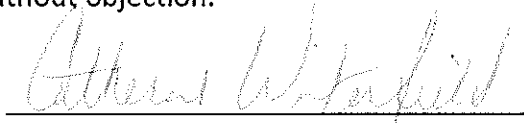
APPROVAL OF MINUTES. On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, minutes of

the January, 27 and January 20, 2013 meetings were approved by unanimous vote of the Council.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor