

The March 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 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
Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk

There were 76 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

The following Police Department promotions & appointments were recognized:

- Police Officer Jay Hardy
- Police Officer Keisha Ritchie
- Sergeant Robert Brown

Awards were presented to Citizens Dwayne Russell and Steven Stys.

Lifesaving Awards were presented to:

- Sergeant Robert Brown
- Sergeant Joseph Peters
- Patrolman Kevin Boone
- Patrolman Ken Hunt
- Patrolman Jeffrey Jones
- Patrolman Jack Lyon
- Patrolman Matthew Levine
- Patrolman Robert McCorry

Terry Becker and Brandie Engelberger of Relay For Life of Montville, Lincoln Park, Boonton and Pequannock gave a presentation on their 2015 event to be held June 13th from 5-11pm at Montville Township High School.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Committee Chair, Solid Waste Committee Chair, reported the committee has been meeting and plans to report to the Council at the second meeting in February.
- Nick DeStefano, Flood Advisory Committee, congratulated Mayor Winterfield, thanked the Council for plans for elevations, noted the loss of Jim Hofstetter, reported the committee had

concerns about using the point system to allocate grant funding, and reported on various issues of concern to the Committee.

- Louise Marchese, Economic Advisory Committee, reported two Grand Openings on February 8th and 2 more businesses are moving in. The committee surveyed local businesses and reported that the businesses suggested additional advertising for the property tax reward program.
- Ed Engelbart, Historic District Commission, Township Historian, reported on various issues concerning the Martin Berry House.
- Lisa Data, 595 Turnpike, Friends of the Martin Berry House, provided information on the mission and status of the group.
- Ed Engelbart also reported on the prior night's meeting of the 275th Anniversary Committee meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Street, expressed his opinion that the Council policy on committees discourages public participation.
- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood, requested status on the Jefferson Road reconstruction.

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

There were no public comments.

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

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Vanderhoff, Mayor Winterfield.
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION.

- **Ordinance No. 2015-02, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 132 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REGULATING ITINERANT VENDING**

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.

- **R2015-68**, accepting conveyances in connection with the Village Area Sewer project.
- **R2015-69**, authorizing the transfer of 2014 Municipal Budget Appropriation Reserves.
- **R2015-70**, approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the March 5, 2015 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolutions R2015-68 through R2015-70** 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.

- Posting of retail food establishment evaluation placards.

The council approved the ordinance for introduction at the next meeting. Manager Hollberg provided the Council with an overview of the proposed ordinance. The Council agreed to introduce the ordinance at the next meeting and requested the Township's Health Officer Peter Correale attend to provide information on various Township Policies.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports and notices presented.

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

- The Township has received a payment from NJDEP – Green Acres of approximately \$127,000 representing the balance available from our Planning Incentive Grant Funding that had been set aside for us to cover portions of Open Space Riverwalk acquisitions.
- Township Engineer Joe Golden, Sergeant George Lane, and Manager Hollberg met with Morris County representatives to review ideas for pedestrian safety and traffic calming along the Turnpike. Plans will be finalized based on the results of the meeting and presented to Council next month.
- Village Area Sewer project – with the snow melting and the ground starting to thaw, significant amounts of road surface will need to be repaved. Road restoration work in the Village will begin next week.
- The Jack & Bore operation under Route 23 at Village Road was scheduled to begin today but has been delayed by the rain. The operation will take approximately 30 hours. Once the operation begins, the boring cannot be stopped until completed.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Kohle:

- Parks and Recreation met on March 2.
- Open space met last night.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Thanked Nick DeStefano for providing status on the Flood Committee. The next meeting is Thursday March 12 at 7:30 p.m.
- Thanked Louise Marchese for providing the update on the Economic Development Committee.
- Environmental Commission meeting is tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Phelan:

- No report

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- No report

Mayor Winterfield:

- The next Council meeting falls on March 24, the actual date of 275th Anniversary of Pequannock Township. A Town Crier will open the meeting and the Morris County Freeholders will be invited to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, requested status of crosswalks. Mr. Hollberg provided information about plans for the mid-block crosswalks on the Turnpike.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolution R2015-71**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss potential acquisition of the Bogert property.

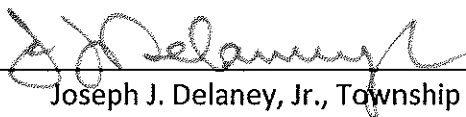
The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:50 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- The Council and was presented with a draft contract which contained contingencies and information and discussed various issues related to the property acquisition. The contract will be reviewed and discussed at a future date.

The closed session was completed at 9:15 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. There were no minutes presented for approval.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m. without objection.



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk