

The April 28, 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
- Joe Golden, Township Engineer
- Sergeant George Lane
- Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk

There were 12 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Mayor Cathy Winterfield thanked Township Clerk Jay Delaney for his service to the Township and presented a gift from the Council.
- Township Engineer Joe Golden and Sergeant George Lane presented preliminary striping and signage options for the Township's Walkable Communities initiative.
- Freeholder Thomas J. Mastrangelo presented the 2015 Morris County Budget.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Louise Marchese, Economic Development Committee Recording Secretary, provided information on new and relocated businesses and reported the Committee discussed a SID program and the use of digital signs at their last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Paul Haveman, Oak Ridge, formerly of Pequannock, reported the group known as the Friends of the Martin Berry House is now officially incorporated as the Pequannock Township Historic Society. The group is filing for 501-c(3) status and fund raising efforts are underway.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Rowland Road, objected to residents putting vehicles for sale on the sidewalks and commented on the Public Library's books on Pequannock history.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 Municipal Budget

- Township Manager Hollberg introduced Township Auditor Valerie Dolan and presented an overview of the 2015 Municipal Budget.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, questioned the entry for revenue related to Dial-a-Ride.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the 2015 Municipal Budget hearing was closed by the following vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2015-89**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2015-90**, authorizing the reinstatement of a special sewer assessment payment plan.
- **R2015-91**, authorizing the discharge of an Affordable Housing Program Mortgage.
- **R2015-92**, approving the designated special event permit applications.
- **R2015-93**, approving the transfer of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Consumption License from Gilly's Inc. to 710 Tpke Carbone Restaurant, LLC.
- **R2015-94**, awarding a contract for one New Positive Displacement Vacuum Trailer to Jack Doheny Companies, Inc. for the contract amount of \$153,547.00 in accordance with the bid specifications.
- **R2015-95**, authorizing the filing of tax appeals and counterclaims and authorizing the Tax Assessor and Township Attorney to represent the Township in connection with appeals.
- **R2015-96**, approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the April 23, 2015 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolutions R2015-89 through R2015-96** 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.

- Inviting of dignitaries to various events – after a brief discussion, the Council agreed to invite various elected representatives to the 2015 Memorial Day Parade and to invite Governor Christie to a Town Hall meeting.
- Sponsorship of Decorative Banners –various aspects of banners were discussed and the Council agreed on a conceptual proof.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Wayne Township, Ord. No. 20-2015, amending Chapter 134 (Land Development)
- Morris Township Resolution No. 95-15, Supporting the Transparent Tax Act of 2015

MANAGER'S REPORT.

There was no report from the Township Manager.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Kohle:

No Report.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Flood Advisory Committee discussed the FMA grant which is expected to be announced shortly, and reported the Township is in a position to move forward when the grant is announced. Tetra Tech is working with the Township; costs for the study are reimbursable

and the process should help improve the Township's CRS rating. The committee is working on a plan to provide public outreach and education to residents, and to disseminate information to new residents.

- Economic Development Committee met with the Office for Planning Advocacy from the State Business Action Center to discuss strategies to attract new businesses. The committee is considering suggestions to attract an arts industry, to revisit the business plan within the overall Master Plan, and suggested the policy on Led signs be revisited.
- The Council discussed combining electronics recycling with the next Shred Day and discussed updating the sign ordinance.

Mr. Phelan:

- Will be absent from the September 8, 2015 meeting

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Presented the Arbor Day Foundation's Award recognizing Pequannock Township's 10th year as a Tree City USA community.
- Reported Pequannock Avenue is very dark. Mr. Hollberg described steps that are being taken to correct the situation.

Mayor Winterfield:

No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- David Dixon, of Feeney and Dixon, 512 Newark Pompton Turnpike, representing 710 Turnpike LLC and 724 Turnpike LLC reported on a request to discuss the use of private funding to extend the sewer line on Newark Pompton Turnpike. Mr. Hollberg commented on issues regarding capacity related to the request.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, requested an American flag be added to the flag pole at Pequannock Township Middle School, commented on improvements to the pond at Greenview Park, reported the sighting of a fox on Libby Avenue, and thanked former officer Richard Nessinger for encouraging her to begin walking.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolution R2015-97**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss matters of attorney client privilege and property acquisition was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 9:55 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Direction was given to the township manager and attorney regarding a Township policy on Local Government Ethics Law and how to deal with individuals who decline to participate in required filings.
- The Bogert property acquisition was discussed and direction was given to the manager and attorney regarding the negotiations and formation of a contract.

The closed session was completed at 10:11 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.

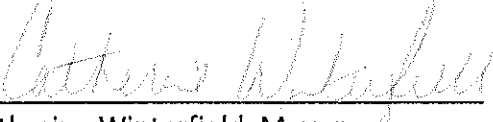
There were no minutes presented for approval.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor