

The August 11, 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 Carol Marsh read the following statement for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

"In accordance with 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 distributed to all persons requesting notice 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
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 15 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Ken Dolsky, 21 Winfield Drive, Parsippany, reiterated his request to rescind Pilgrim's permission to survey in Pequannock Township, noted that if the survey is done, any information in the survey would be of interest, and stated that the towns affected by the pipeline are stronger when they act as a group.
- John Bannon, 212 Greenleaf Court, Pompton Plains, stated that the contents of pipelines are a constant in the community, and requested information on how to get items on board agendas.
- Marianne Vetter, 775 Newark Pompton Turnpike expressed concern that a leak in the pipeline would negatively affect property values.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, questioned if the Township considered moving utility poles underground. Addie Colon, JCP&L Area Manager, explained there is significant cost for moving utility poles underground. Mr. Hollberg added he had explored the possibility of moving utilities underground and confirmed it is very costly. Ms. Marchese added she would love to see something added for the Township's youth such as a skateboard park and expressed appreciation for the Yield to Pedestrian signs on the Turnpike.
- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood requested information on the recently submitted grant application. Mr. Hollberg reported the application included 27 homes and is under review by the State.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2015-11, BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE #2010-22 OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY FINALLY ADOPTED NOVEMBER 23, 2010 IN ITS ENTIRETY WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE VILLAGE AREA SEWER

EXTENSION PROJECT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS AND INCREASES THE APPROPRIATION TO \$16,540,000 AND THE BONDS AND NOTES AUTHORIZED TO \$15,965,000 AND PROVIDING FOR LOCAL ASSESSMENTS FOR A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Hollberg provided background on technical and financial aspects of the ordinance.

- There were no public speakers.

Mr. Hollberg reported speaking to several affected homeowners during the week.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, 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. 2015-12, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 307, LOT 5 FROM JOSEPH MANNO

Mr. Hollberg provided status on the proposed property acquisition.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, 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.

- **R2015-142**, authorizing a grant agreement with the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders for the acquisition of the Martin Berry House.
- **R2015-143**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts by the National Joint Powers Alliance cooperative purchasing program.
- **R2015-144**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts by the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission.
- **R2015-145**, approving the transfer of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Consumption License from Tiffs Pequannock LLC to Shree Akshar Tiffs Restaurant LLC.
- **R2015-146**, approving the payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the August 10, 2015 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch **Resolutions R2015-142 through R2015-146** 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.

- Request for purchase of public property (25 New Read Street).
Mr. Hollberg explained considerations for determining a minimum bid price for the property. After a brief discussion the Council agreed to move forward with the proposal.
- Solid waste contract renewal.
Mr. Hollberg reported on the results of the bid opening for solid waste services.
- **Ordinance No. 2015-08**, AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (carried to August 25, 2015)

- **Ordinance No. 2015-09**, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND AMENDING THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING PLANNING BOARD MEMBERSHIP (carried to August 25, 2015)

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Borough of Riverdale: Notice of introduction, Ordinance No. 13-2015 Amending Chapter 168.

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

- The 2015 Annual Road Resurfacing Program was completed last week. Milling and paving was done on Libby, White Birch, Davis, Nichols, Brooklawn, Hopper (Turnpike to Boulevard) and the balance of West End Avenue. A memo regarding roads that have been resurfaced over the past 5 years has been distributed.
- The Township has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Division of Highway Traffic Safety for Drunk Driving Enforcement over the Labor Day weekend.
- Firms qualified to prepare Preservation Plans for Historic Buildings have been asked to submit letters of interest as a first step in the selection process for developing a plan for the Martin Berry House. Interested firms will be given an opportunity to visit the site before submitting a cost and qualification proposal.

COUNCIL REPORTS.**Mr. Kohle:**

- No report.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30pm.
- Flood Advisory Committee may not meet next week.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Fire Co. No. 1 Wetdown and 100th Anniversary is Oct 3rd.
- Fire Co. No. 2 Beefsteak Dinner is Sept 26th.
- Reported requests for traffic calming measures on Village Road.
- Requested information on the placement of manhole covers on the sewer extension.

Mr. Phelan:

- The First Aid Squad met and expressed concern about the skateboard park.

Mayor Winterfield:

- At a recent Historic District Commission, Ed Engelbart reported on the possibility of a grant with North Jersey Transportation to assist in connecting the Morris Canal with the Martin Berry House. Mr. Hollberg stated he will review information on the grant and provided status on the bike path.
- Requested information on Cable and Wi-Fi for the Train Station and other public buildings.
- Requested an update on the budget and audit.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Stacy-Ann Webb, 289 Boulevard, First Aid Squad Treasurer, reported the First Aid Squad objected to locating a skateboard park next to the First Aid Squad building.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue reported Council Meeting videos are broadcasting on Channel 77 and suggested changes to the schedule be published.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolution R2015-147**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Tax Appeals and Litigation on Hopkins vs. Pequannock Township was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:16 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Tax appeals (231 West Parkway, 233 West Parkway).
- Litigation (Hopkins vs. the Township of Pequannock).

The Council discussed the Tax appeals and litigation and authorized settlement of the tax appeals as recommended by the Tax Assessor and the proposed settlement of Hopkins vs. the Township of Pequannock.

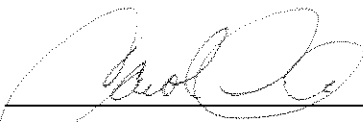
The closed session was completed at 8:40p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

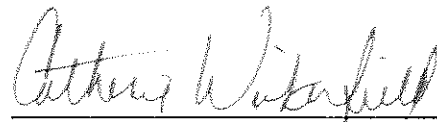
APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Kohle, minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor