

The November 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 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 33 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.** There were no presentations.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee member, reported on a recent meeting concerning a crossing into Aquatic Park. Suggested options for the location will be forwarded to the President of the railroad. A potential parking lot was also discussed. Environmental studies for the bike path are complete in Pequannock Township and should be completed in Lincoln Park and Wayne by the end of the month. Initial markings have been made on three sections of the Riverwalk. Clearing of the trail and more permanent trail markers are expected this fall.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Marianne Vetter, 775 Turnpike, questioned if tabs on bottles needed to be removed for recycling and requested information on the time and date of Saturday's hike at Cedar Crest.
- Nat Arkin, 303 Forest Glen, requested clarification of statements in the Planning Board minutes regarding discussion of the pipeline ordinance.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, expressed agreement with statements by Council members that decisions regarding the Pilgrim Pipeline are made at the state level and efforts should not be duplicated at the local level.

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

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

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2015-187**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2015-188**, appointing members of the Skateboard Park Advisory Committee.

- **R2015-189**, confirming the designated memberships in the Pequannock Township Fire Department.
- **R2015-190**, authorizing cancellation of outstanding checks.
- **R2015-191**, canceling unexpended Capital Appropriation balances.
- **R2015-192**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the November 6, 2015 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolutions R2015-187 through R2015-192** 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.**

- Regulations regarding domestic animals
- Tom Andrea, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Chair, reported the recommendations of the committee and read the Morris County policy regarding dog parks.
- Members of the Council discussed the recommendations, issues regarding use of the Bark Park, and scheduling of the pistol range.
- Kelli Delia, 492 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, commented years ago most problems occurred with off leash dogs, stated a strong presence by members of the public, police, or other Township employees is important for encouraging compliance with regulations, encouraged education on the issues, and offered her assistance as a volunteer.
- Marianne Vetter, 775 Turnpike, stated recycled plastic bags are available at Shoprite.
- Stephen Connolly, 44 Duncan Avenue, noted he would be happy to be able to enjoy Greenview Park with his dog.
- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, suggested a ranger make dog owners aware they should have a waste bag.
- Loretta Terraneo, 61 Third Street, provided information on the use of chairs and tables at the bark park, commented on the stones in the park, reported use of the pistol range has increased and suggested a schedule of its use be published, and stated a water source in Bark Park would be helpful.
- Wanda Vogel, 126 Hillview Road, thanked the town for having the ranger check badges at the bark park, and commented on the use of chairs at the park and the schedule of the firing range.

#### ▪ **2016 Meeting Calendar/Reorg meeting**

The Council tentatively approved the 2016 meeting schedule and agreed the 2016 reorganization meeting be held on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6 p.m.

**REPORTS AND NOTICES.** There were no reports or notices.

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

- An updated status report has been distributed. Two items - FEMA Flood Mitigation Acquisition Grants and Fire Apparatus Replacement - were removed from the previous list as they have been completed. Two additional projects – Jefferson Street Reconstruction and Trash Disposal Rate Reduction - were shown as complete this month.
- The new Recycling Collection schedule started last Monday with very high participation for the first collection day. So far the level of service seems to be very good. Due to the short week of

Thanksgiving the collection day is Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and not Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. This is noted in the information that was mailed and will be indicated on the information sign, web site and Channel 77.

- The Township has received official notification of the grant award for Emergency Generators. The total grant award is \$417,995.
- The Fall Leaf Collection program is underway. Residents are reminded to rake leaves to the curb but not into the street so they do not interfere with storm water drainage or create a hazard for motorists, bicyclists or pedestrians and never park a car on a pile of leaves.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

##### ***Mr. Kohle:***

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee discussed regulations regarding domestic animals as reported earlier in the meeting.
- Open Space Committee has applied for a Morris County Trail grant in the amount of \$15,000 and should hear if it was awarded by the end of November.

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

- The Economic Development Committee Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving has been moved to November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; an online survey concerning the business environment has been developed. It will be distributed via email and Facebook, and has been posted on the website. Residents, business owners and landlords are encouraged to respond.
- Flood Advisory Committee will meet this Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

##### ***Mr. Phelan:***

- The First Aid Squad has purchased an ASAP vehicle for use in parks and at large capacity events; the FAS budget requests for 2016 have been submitted.

##### ***Mr. Vanderhoff:***

- Reported outstanding participation in the recycling program.
- There will be a seminar on pipelines at the League of Municipalities Convention.

##### ***Mayor Winterfield:***

- Historic District Commission met this week; Pequannock Township Historical Society reported having 71 members. Ed Engelbart is doing a six part lecture series at Cedar Crest. Eleanor Bogert is participating in an oral history project being conducted by Rutgers.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, requested the Council keep in mind the pistol range has been in place for a long time and its use by police departments and the gun club is important.
- Stephen Connolly, 44 Duncan Avenue, thanked the Council for the opportunity to form the Skateboard Park Advisory Committee, thanked Tom Andrea and Richard Phelan for agreeing to participate, noted that attendance and input from residents not on the committee is welcome and reported the skate park obstacles were able to be moved with the help of donated funds and a service donation from Chris's Towing.
- John Bannon, 212 Greenleaf Court, provided information on bills regarding pipelines under consideration at the state level and requested information about evacuation procedures for Cedar Crest. Mr. Hollberg outlined emergency response procedures for Cedar Crest, noting

the buildings are fire resistant and the community is served by Pequannock Township emergency services and by other municipalities through mutual aid. Mr. Bannon also suggested the use of DNA testing for identifying dog waste.

- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, expressed support for the creation of the Skateboard Park Advisory Committee and for the Council's consideration of the domestic animal ordinance, expressed agreement that Bark Park be kept clean, suggested residents be encouraged to keep the Township files on their pets up to date, and requested dates for the budget meetings.
- Aaron Mayer, Skateboard Park Advisory Committee member, read an email supporting the skateboard park and encouraging donations.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolution R2015-193**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss collective bargaining agreements was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:23 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- PBA health benefit PTO contributions

The closed session was completed at 8:31 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

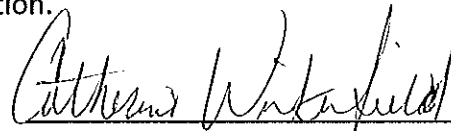
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** There were no minutes presented for approval.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. without objection.

  
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Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
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Catherine Winterfield, Mayor