

The January 12, 2016 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 David Kohle 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 Kohle led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor David Kohle
Deputy Mayor Jay Vanderhoff
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman Richard Phelan
Councilwoman Catherine Winterfield

Absent: None

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Christopher Tietjen, Asst. to the Twp. Manager
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 44 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- The following Police Department appointments were recognized:
 - Officer Vincent LaManno II.
 - Officer Christopher H. McIvor
- Preliminary information regarding the Preservation Plan for the Martin Berry House was presented by HMR Architects.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Advisory Committee Vice Chair, reported Joe Wells will serve as Chair of the Open Space Committee for 2016. The Committee plans to store agendas and minutes on CDs and suggested other committees do the same.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Henry Samek, 4 Misty Court, reported historical information on bicycle trails and expressed concern about the cost of land and upkeep.
- Mark Plaskon, 33 Garden Place, requested a variance and a waiver of fees for an accessory building on his property describing the structure as temporary and intended for indoor golf lessons. Mr. Oostdyk explained a variance must be granted by the Board of Adjustment and fees cannot be waived on an individual basis.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2016-01, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 2601, LOT 4 (DORIS HENNING)

Township Manager Hollberg reviewed the status and terms of the property purchase.

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2016-37**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2016-38**, authorizing the reinstatement of special assessment installment payment plan.
- **R2016-39**, authorizing a fee of \$25.00 for each notice of Tax Sale pursuant to N.J.S.A 54:5-26.
- **R2016-40**, designating a Public Agency Compliance Officer.
- **R2016-41**, appointing the local registrar for the Township of Pequannock.
- **R2016-42**, establishing the rate for employment of off-duty Police Officers for the year 2016.
- **R2016-43**, approving the designated special event permit application (Apple Chase).
- **R2016-44**, authorizing submission of the 2015 Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- **R2016-45**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **January 12, 2016** Bill List.

Andy Ball, Passaic Valley Runners Club, and Mary Gray of Chilton Medical Center Foundation reviewed plans for the Apple Chase 5K/10K run and requested assistance promoting the race. Members of the Council expressed support for the race and signs in accordance with Township code.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2016-37 through R2016-45** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Review of Sewer Master Plan

Mr. Hollberg reviewed the history of the Plan, noting that zoning changes may affect capacity and requests for exceptions should be granted as part of a policy.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

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

- Information from the League of Municipalities regarding the Hospital Taxation bills recently passed by the Legislature has been forwarded to the Council. Members are encouraged to contact the Governor's office in opposition to the law and request that it be vetoed.
- Council is reminded there is a meeting on Thursday evening to discuss Business District zoning and the potential redevelopment of our local business districts.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Municipal Alliance meets tomorrow at 4:30.
- Environmental Commission meets Wednesday.
- Flood Advisory Committee meets Thursday.

Mr. Phelan:

- Skate Board Park Advisory Committee meets Saturday at 9 a.m.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Fire Departments have reorganized. The Installation Dinner is Saturday evening.

Ms. Winterfield:

- No report.

Mayor Kohle:

- Both Parks and Recreation and Open Space met last night. Joe Wells is the new Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee. Frank Spizzirri is Vice Chair and Robin Jones is the Recording Secretary. Tom Andrea will be Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and Bill Zickler will serve as Vice Chair.
- There were approximately 65 participants in the Polar Plunge. The students raised about \$2500.00 which is intended for a snack stand at the High School. Thanked volunteers from the Fire Departments and the First Aid Squad for their participation.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Jordan Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, reported the Skate Board Park Advisory Committee has another concept design, questioned how the acquisition of 471 Turnpike would be funded and how the property would be used. Mr. Hollberg reviewed options for financing the purchase and noted a specific use for the property is under consideration.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue reported the Library has been taken out of the Recreation and Open Space Inventory and suggested the Township use general funds for the acquisition of 471 Turnpike so the uses are not limited.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolution R2016-46**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss personnel was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:31 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session. The Township Manager advised the Governing Body of a personnel issue. The issue was discussed at length by the Council and the Township Manager was given direction.

The closed session was completed at 8:57 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

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

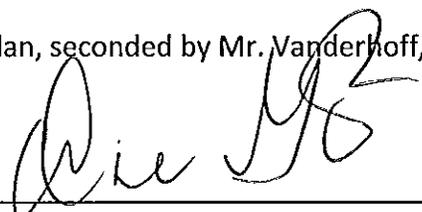
APPROVAL OF MINUTES. There were no minutes presented for approval.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Mayor