

The April 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 14 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, reported the Committee has begun marking the trails along the Riverwalk. They unanimously endorsed accepting the property offered by the Passaic River Coalition. An application for an outside consultant for the committee is being reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the Council in the near future. The annual River Cleanup was a success and the volunteer work is part of the match for the Trail Grant.
- Steve Connolly, Skateboard Park Advisory Committee Chair, reported the skateboard obstacles are currently stored at Morris Industries; the Township's Parks and Recreation department has asked the committee to consider providing lessons, and the Little Food Café has expressed interest in providing skateboarding demonstrations at the Street Fair.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Alberta Alleva, 4501 Tudor Drive, complimented the new Park Ranger noting the Open Space Advisory Committee receives a detailed report of his activities, expressed concern about the amount of trash the ranger collects, suggested the Township consider installing cameras and gates at the parks, and recommended the carpet in the Municipal Court be replaced.
- Kevin Mesch, 9 Evans Place, reported on a complaint he submitted to NewBridge Services concerning an incident at 9 Evans Place.
- Nat Arkin, 303 Forest Glen, requested information on a recent meeting of residents opposed to the Pipeline, requested the Planning Board review the Township's Master Plan for policies opposing pipelines and reiterated an earlier request to rescind permission to survey related to the pipeline.
- John Bannon, 212 Greenleaf Court, expressed concern that Cedar Crest is densely populated,

and many residents are relatively immobile. Mr. Bannon requested assistance from the Township in approaching Spectra to request improvements to emergency procedures and upgrades to the facilities of the current pipeline.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2016-04, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) FOR THE YEAR 2016

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2016-05, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (BLOCK 4101, LOT 13) NOT REQUIRED FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13, ET SEQ

Township Manager Hollberg reviewed modifications to a similar ordinance adopted on September 8, 2015.

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.

- **R2016-83**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2016-84**, adopting an extended 2016 Temporary Budget.
- **R2016-85**, authorizing Amendment to Green Acres Project Agreement.
- **R2016-86**, approving Change Order Nos. 6 through 16 for the Village Area Sewer project and increasing the contract with Underground Utilities Corp. to a revised contract price of \$13,756,017.30
- **R2016-87**, authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Township of Pequannock and the Board of Education of Pequannock Township for the installation of an emergency generator at the Pequannock Township High School.
- **R2016-88**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **April 7, 2016** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2016-83 through R2016-88** 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.

The Council reviewed modifications to the draft ordinance previously distributed and agreed to move forward with introduction of the ordinance in its current form.

▪ **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2016-06, AMENDING CHAPTER 152 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND PROHIBITING SUMP PUMP CONNECTIONS TO THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM**

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. Phelan, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Kohle.

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

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

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

- Property owners within the Village Area Sewer project area have been notified that they may connect to the sewer system.
- The Township has been awarded a DOT Grant for approximately \$190,000 for Phase 1 of the Mountain Avenue Reconstruction project. Design and engineering will be completed this year for a 2017 Bid and Construction Project.
- The Township is working on a grant application for FMA funding to elevate high risk homes in the flood plain. Based on the planning project that was undertaken last year, the next high risk target area will include the Voorhis / Village / Romondt Road area. Homeowners of approximately 60 properties will be invited to an informational meeting that will be held on Monday. Residents will have a chance to learn about the process and be asked whether they want to be included in the grant application.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Reported 3 Grand Openings: Re-Tool, a consignment shop for hand and power tools, Shanti's, a Caribbean Food Store and Farmers Insurance.
- Flood Advisory Committee meets this Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Phelan:

- No Report.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Reported the Planning Board will hear an application concerning a digital sign at the Board of Education and recommended the Council consider creating a policy concerning the signs.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Suggested the Council hold a workshop meeting regarding Water and Sewer Rates.
- Requested status on an ordinance concerning dogs in parks, the oil tank at the Martin Berry House and on the water tower.

Mayor Kohle:

- Troop 144 will hold an Eagle Scout Ceremony on May 1st.
- Requested the Township make arrangements for recycling televisions.
- Thanked all the volunteers who participated and made this year's River cleanup a success.
- Little League Parade is this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- Parks and Recreation met the first Monday of the month and discussed swimming lanes.
- Open Space Committee met last night as reported by Joe Wells.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, has reported several streetlight outages to JCP&L. The turnaround time has been 2-3 weeks and noted it used to be faster.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

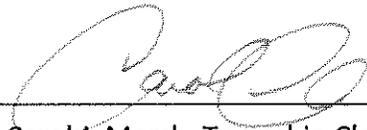
APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mr. Phelan, minutes of the March 8, 2016 and March 22, 2016 meetings were approved by the following vote:

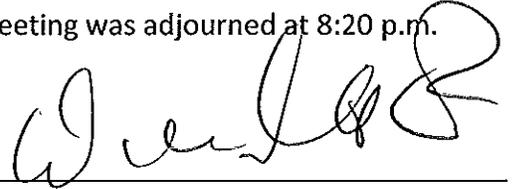
For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Kohle.

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Mayor