

The April 26, 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 12 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Louise Marchese, Economic Development Committee Recording Secretary, reported on recent activities of the Committee and on the Grand Openings of Farmers Insurance and Jersey Mike's.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Ed Sholander, 202 Park View, Cedar Crest, requested the Council look into the Yellow Dot and Red Dot safety programs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - 2016 Municipal Budget

Mr. Hollberg provided a review of the 2016 Municipal Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Vanderhoff, the public hearing on the 2016 Municipal Budget was closed by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Phelan, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Kohle.
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING - 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

There were no public comments.

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

PUBLIC HEARING - 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

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Phelan, 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. 2016-07, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY DONATION FROM THE PASSAIC RIVER COALITION (BLOCK 902, LOT 12)

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.

- **R2016-89**, authorizing the reinstatement of a special sewer assessment payment plan.
- **R2016-90**, approving the designated special event permit applications.
- **R2016-91**, adopting the Pequannock Township Floodplain Management Plan as an official plan of the Township of Pequannock.
- **R2016-92**, authorizing a contract for Professional Services to Spinelli and Pinto Consulting, LLC in amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for Open Space Services.
- **R2016-93**, awarding a contract to Cifelli and Sons Contracting, Inc. for Hanna Court and Michael Court Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$35,999.00.
- **R2016-94**, awarding a contract for Boulevard Sidewalk Reconstruction Phase II to CMS Construction, Inc. for the contract amount of \$140,644.00 in accordance with the bid specifications.
- **R2016-95**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **April 21, 2016** Bill List.

On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2016-89 through R2016-95** 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.

- Municipal Pipeline Group Membership

Mr. Hollberg reviewed aspects of a proposed agreement between municipalities which may be affected by the pipeline.

- Ken Dolsky, 21 Winfield Drive, Parsippany, volunteer with the Coalition Against Pilgrim Pipeline, reported his understanding of the agreement and suggested if the Council wished they consider joining the group for the limited purpose of obtaining an environmental impact study.
- Mr. Hollberg suggested the Council contact the League of Municipalities for assistance.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, suggested the Council let the State Legislature protect the Township and use the money saved for flood mitigation measures.
- John Bannon, 212 Greenleaf Court, reported emphasis is being placed on water contamination, and recommended the Council take steps regarding the pipeline while the problem is small.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Borough of Riverdale notice of introduction, Ordinance No. 08-2016, Amending Chapter 168 Entitled "Zoning" , "Schedule D – Bulk Requirements", of the revised General Ordinances of the Borough of Riverdale.

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

- Bids were opened for the Boulevard Sidewalk. This project will complete the sidewalks from Della Ave to Lincoln Park Road so that the entire length of the Boulevard will have new sidewalks on both sides.
- The Township will have access to the Everbridge Notification System through Morris County. This is a text and telephone notification system similar to the Honeywell format that has been used by the Board of Education and will be available for non-emergency notifications.
- A pre-design meeting for the elevated Water Tank was held last week. Concept drawings for two locations on the site are being prepared.
- Residents were invited to attend an information meeting regarding the FMA Elevation Grant application last Monday. Twenty homeowners have submitted the required information to be included in the grant. Staff is working with Tetra-Tech to complete the Township's submission to the State by the deadline next week.
- Underground Utilities Company needs to complete some curb restoration along Jackson Avenue before it can be resurfaced. We anticipate that Jackson Avenue will be completed by the end of May.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Questioned where the Library should get advice on obtaining a permanent sign.
- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow.
- A group is interested in egg addling near Woodland Lake.
- Will not attend the May 10, 2016 meeting.

Mr. Phelan:

- Commended the First Aid Squad and Fire Departments for their performance in recent emergencies.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Requested Mr. Hollberg reach out to NewBridge concerning recent issues.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Requested information on the notification system, a schedule for sewer meetings, information about aid from Morris County for residents required to connect to sewers, and

status of an interlocal agreement with Riverdale.

Mayor Kohle:

- Eagle Scout ceremonies May 1st and May 15th at 2 pm.
- Fair Housing meets tomorrow night.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Steve Connolly, 44 Duncan Ave, thanked the Council for including funding for design of a skateboard park in the budget and questioned when feedback from the public would be obtained. Mr. Hollberg noted the funding is part of the capital budget rather than the current budget.
- Mike Bertuna, 8 Reynolds Road, commented the language of the sump ordinance sounds like residents must allow inspectors into their houses or be fined, and noted some may feel they should not be required to allow the government to enter private homes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the April 12, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolution R2016-96**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:10 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Property Acquisition - Martin Berry House.

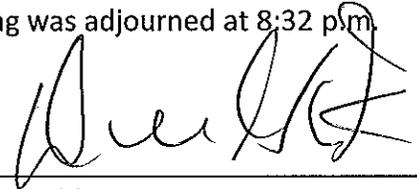
The closed session was completed at 8:32 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Mayor