

The August 9, 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
- Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 16 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Valerie Dolan and Jenna Bauer of Nisivoccia, LLP presented the Audit of the Year 2015.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2016-11, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REVISING THE RESTRICTIONS ON DOMESTIC ANIMALS IN TOWNSHIP PARKS

- The Council agreed to include language which clarified dogs are permitted off leash in Bark Park.
- There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the Public Hearing was closed without objection.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, 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. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2016-146**, authorizing the abatement of property maintenance violations at designated properties.

- **R2016-147**, authorizing purchases from the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- **R2016-148**, certifying that the members of the Governing Body have reviewed the Annual Report of Audit for the Year **2015**.
- **R2016-149**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the August 8, 2016 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolutions R2016-146 through R2016-149** 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.

- Regulations regarding the keeping of chickens.
- The council discussed limits on the number of chickens, size requirements for shelters, lot size minimums and options for registration and compliance.
- Jeff Van Varick, 41 Hopper Avenue, suggested the Council setting 2 square feet per chicken as the minimum size of shelters.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

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

- Work on the Boulevard Sidewalks will begin this week. The Contractor will first install the curb cuts along the Turnpike associated with walkable communities' crosswalks.
- Final Pricing for the Refinancing of the 2007 Sewer Bonds will take place on Thursday, August 11th. This is expected to save \$25,000 per year in interest costs for the next 7 years. We have received a bond rating from Moody's which remains unchanged at Aa2.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Flood Advisory Committee meets Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Phelan:

- No report.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- No report.

Ms. Winterfield:

- No Report.

Mayor Kohle:

- No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the April 8, 2014, April 22, 2014 and May 13, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

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On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved with Councilman Phelan abstaining.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolution R2016-150**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Tax Appeals, Property Acquisition, Litigation and Personnel was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 7:35 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

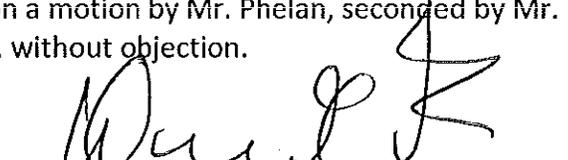
- The Council received an update regarding the two pending tax appeals.
- The Council also received an update regarding the Bogert purchase and the Handel vs. Township of Pequannock litigation and was provided notification there will be a meeting regarding that litigation.
- As a personnel matter, the Council discussed the review of the Township Manager and Township Clerk.

The closed session was completed at 7:58 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, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

David G. Kohle, Mayor