

The December 13, 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 9 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Advisory Committee Vice Chair, reported the committee plans to keep the present officers in 2017, stated the committee plans to distribute maps in anticipation of the river walk opening and encouraged residents to apply for positions on the Open Space Committee.
- Ken Hardaker, Flood Control Advisory Committee member, reported the flood information app is complete and requested review by the Township prior to release.
- Louise Marchese, Flood Control Advisory Committee and Economic Development Advisory Committee Recording Secretary, reported the Flood Committee has tentatively scheduled a public forum on Monday, April 24, 2017 and the Economic Advisory is updating the committee's goals for 2017 and reviewing zoning changes related to the encouragement of new businesses.
- Steve Connolly, Skateboard Park Advisory Committee Chair, reviewed the mission of the Skateboard Park Advisory Committee and requested information on the status of the design RFP.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, stated there is no age limit for members of the Environmental Commission and requested the Mayor consider appointing a youth member as a full voting member.
- Jordan Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, expressed concern that issues related to the Skateboard design RFP had not yet been discussed with the committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

Mr. Phelan:

- No Report.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Recommended the Council encourage the Pequannock Township Historical Society to take ownership of the Martin Berry House, and reminded the Council to set aside money in the budget for maintenance of the property.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Reported Mr. Engelbart suggested sending a letter of intent for a construction grant for the Martin Berry House and recommended reaching out to volunteers for assistance with maintenance of the house and grounds.
- Suggested there needs to be synergy between the Township's various committees.

Mayor Kohle:

- There will be a special meeting at 6 p.m. on December 27, 2016 to discuss volunteer boards and commissions.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Frank Spizzirri, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the November 8, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2016-210**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss litigation and a contract negotiation was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 7:53 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Litigation - the Council was updated on the matter of Handel vs. the Township of Pequannock.
- Contract negotiations - a discussion took place regarding a potential contract between the Township and the Boys and Girls Club and the manager was given direction for further discussion.

The closed session was completed at 8:14 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

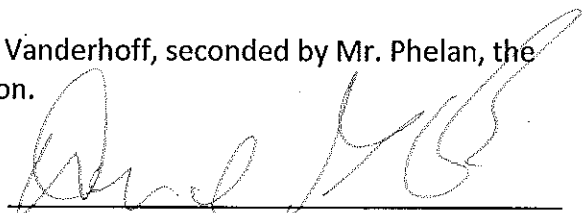
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Mayor