

The February 28, 2017 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 Melissa Florance-Lynch 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 Florance-Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor Melissa Florance-Lynch
Deputy Mayor Catherine Winterfield
Councilman Ryan Herd
Councilman David Kohle
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent: None

Also Attending:

Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Christopher Tietjen, Acting Twp. Manager
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 16 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Mayor Florance Lynch and the Township Council presented a proclamation regarding "Kick Butts Month".

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Louise Marchese, Flood Control Advisory Committee and Economic Development Committee Recording Secretary, reported the Flood Committee is planning an outreach event for members of the public and is working on an elevation grant. The Economic Development Committee is reviewing Township ordinances regarding commercial zoning.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, reported a Flood Elevation Grant has been approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2017-64**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2017-65**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2017-66**, authorizing the filing of tax appeals and authorizing the Tax Assessor and Township Attorney to represent the Township in connection with appeals.
- **R2017-67**, authorizing submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the Reconstruction of Mountain Avenue Phase II project.
- **R2017-68**, approving the Place to Place transfer of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Consumption License of **Shree Akshar Tiffs Restaurant, LLC.**

- **R2017-69**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **February 23, 2017** Bill List.
- **R2017-70**, authorizing submission of permit and certification applications in connection with the Mountain Avenue Water Storage Tank and Transmission Main.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-64 through R2017-70** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no discussion items.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Township of Pequannock Board of Adjustment; Notice of Public Hearing; 476 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains (Block 2602 Lot 20)
- Borough of Kinnelon Planning Board; Notice of Public Hearing; 1149 Route 23 South, Borough of Kinnelon (Block 57501 Lot 126)

MANAGER'S REPORT. Acting Township Manager Christopher Tietjen reported the following:

- The Skate Park RFP was advertised on Sunday, February 26, 2017. The RFP can be obtained from the Manager's Office. Proposals are due no later than 3:00 p.m. on March 29, 2017 at which time they will be opened and recorded in public.
- The Township received notification that FEMA released the FY 2015 Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Funding to elevate 26 dwellings. The grant was for \$4,568,863 and was obligated as of February 1, 2017. This grant cycle is the Madison/Roosevelt East cluster.
- A Declaration of Intent for the 2017 Grant Cycle from the Morris County Preservation Trust was submitted on February 15, 2017 and was received by the County. The full grant application will be complete by the March 31, 2017 deadline. The grant application is for Construction Documents for a \$100,000 total grant application with an 80/20 split between the County of Morris and the Township.
- The Senior House and First Aid Squad have been connected to the sanitary sewer system. The Train Station Museum, Town Hall, and PV Park are next on the schedule to be completed.
- The Mountain Avenue Water Tank Project has cleared the FAA and Highlands regulatory processes allowing the Township to apply for permits through the NJDEP. Those permits were approved by the Council earlier in the agenda.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Herd:

- Congratulated the Flood Committee for their success in obtaining the Flood Elevation Grant after much hard work.
- Open Space Committee is waiting for parts lists for the 4 proposed kiosks and looking for space for an additional community garden;
- Hidden in Plain Sight, a program that identifies signs of drug abuse, was successful, informative and well attended.
- Economic Development reported Baby Grams is having a grand opening tomorrow evening.

Mr. Phelan:

- Shade Tree Commission met last night. A five year Community Forest Management plan has been completed as a draft and is under review.

- Fire Co. No. 2 will give a presentation regarding a new fire truck at the March 7th Budget Workshop meeting.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Historic District Commission meets tomorrow evening. The Commission has expressed interest in a tour of the Martin Berry House for the Commission and other Committees.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing Committee meeting was cancelled for lack of quorum.
- The Pequannock Triathlon was moved to August and the First Aid Squad expressed concern they may not have a sufficient number of volunteers available.
- Suggested the decision regarding Citizen of the Year remain with the Recognition Committee at least for the present year, with a representative of the Council attending the meetings.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, provided an overview of the History of the Citizen of the Year award noting it was always run by the American Legion. A representative of the Council participated in the past and is welcome to do so again.
- Mayor Florance-Lynch and Mr. Kohle expressed interest in serving on the Recognition Committee.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- The first Budget Workshop meeting of 2017 will take place on Thursday, March 2nd.
- Thanked the Flood Advisory Committee for all their hard work on the Flood Elevation Grant application. The Committee will be hosting the first public flood information outreach session to be held at the First Reformed Church on April 24th.
- Received very positive feedback on the "Hidden in Plain Sight" event.
- The 2017 annual Mayor's River Cleanup is Saturday, April 1st from 9-1.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, reported Pequannock Unico is sponsoring the second annual Taste of the Town on Tuesday, March 7th. A new local business, Baby Grams, is holding their Grand Opening on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, reported a backhoe cleaning out wetland areas in the Township and asked if other projects were scheduled.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, inquired if an executive committee of the Historic Society would be permitted to do a walkthrough of the Martin Berry House.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the February 14, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

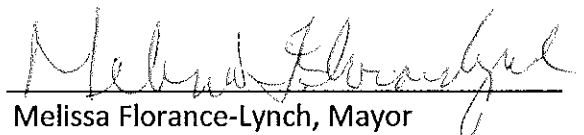
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. without objection.



 Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



 Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor