

The March 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:

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

There were 14 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Child Abuse Prevention Month – Mayor Florance-Lynch presented a proclamation declaring April, 2017 Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Township of Pequannock.
- NewBridge Services - Jeff Gillman gave an overview of the services provided by NewBridge Services, reported the State is planning to change to a fee for service model for funding, requested the Council adopt a resolution urging the State to put fiscal safeguards for funding in place, and requested the Council consider providing funding for certain services. After discussion the Council agreed to consider the requested resolution.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Tom Andrea, Environmental Commission Secretary, thanked Deputy Mayor Catherine Winterfield for attending ANJEC training last weekend.
- John Driesse, Economic Development Committee Chair, reported the committee is inviting guest speakers and organizing subcommittees to encourage involvement. The Committee has discussed possibilities for redevelopment, and other projects such as "parklets" and marketing flyers, and recommended the Township allocate funds for a marketing/redevelopment study.

PRESENTATIONS (continued).

- Elevation Action Plan – Township Engineer Joseph Golden, P.E. reviewed the Township's proposed Elevation Action Plan including the history, criteria, challenges, and priorities of the plan and the associated grant applications.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS (continued).

- Louise Marchese, Flood Advisory Committee and Economic Development Committee Recording Secretary, reported the Flood Advisory Committee is organizing an event on Monday April 24th at 7:30 p.m. at Friendship Hall to provide information on flooding to the

public. The Economic Development Committee announced the opening of a new business, White Birch Candle Company, at 155 Newark Pompton Turnpike. The Committee is reviewing zoning in the business districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Alberta Alleva, 4501 Tudor Drive, complemented the recently cleaned rug and requested an update from the Boys and Girls Club/Pequannock Township ad-hoc committee.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

Ordinance No. 2017-02; ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEDICATION OF A RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS DUNN PLACE

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2017-03; ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND PAY RATES FOR DESIGNATED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK FOR THE YEAR 2017

Mr. Tietjen summarized issues addressed in the ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

Ordinance No. 2017-04; ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2017-78**, approving introduction of the 2017 Municipal Budget.
- **R2017-79**, adopting an extended 2017 Temporary Budget.
- **R2017-80**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2017-81**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **March 23, 2017** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2017-78**, approving introduction the 2017 Municipal Budget, was adopted by the following vote:

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

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2017-79 through R2017-81** 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. There were no reports or notices.

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

- The Bond auction for the Route 23 Sewer Project was held on March 22, 2017. Roosevelt & Cross was the auction winner at an interest rate of 3.044608% for a total bid amount of \$21,042,031.50.
- Shred Day has been scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Town Hall parking lot.
- Martin Berry House- the 2017 Construction Documents Grant has been submitted. The grant application totals \$65,000 with a \$13,000 match from the Township. An award is anticipated to occur mid-summer if approved in its entirety by the County Preservation Board.
- This Saturday, April 1, 2017 begins the Carry In/Cary Out procedure in the Township Parks. Trash receptacles will be removed from all parks and recreational areas with the exception of PV Park and where concessions are served.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Herd:

- This Wednesday, April 12, 2017, Chilton Medical Center is holding a free Narcan Training seminar. The seminar is open to the public. Reservations are required and seating is limited to 20.
- The 2017 Riverwalk Cleanup is April 1st between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- The Chris Herran Story is this Monday April @7:00 p.m. in the Pequannock Township High School Auditorium.

Mr. Phelan:

- Expressed condolences and gratitude for Ralph Clark and Harry Amborn, Pequannock Township Volunteer Firemen, noting their combined years of service was over 100 years.
- The Shade Tree Commission discussed work required on Ramapo Road, which will require the trees, all of which are Ash trees, to be removed. Mr. Phelan reported the Emerald Ash borer will eventually affect all of the local Ash trees. The Committee is waiting for corrections to be completed before distributing the 5 year Forestry plan.
- The Council briefly discussed the possibility of adopting a tree ordinance for property owners.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Attended training for Environmental Commission members last weekend.
- Requested a schedule for tours of the Martin Berry House.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing met last Wednesday. Complimented the work of the new Board Secretary and reported a number of residents have been attending meetings.
- Operation Smile is having a fashion show tomorrow at the High School Auditorium. Approximately 75 students participate in the Club.
- The First Reformed Church is having a Community Service day. Projects include cleaning up the grounds of the Greenview Park and the Martin Berry House.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- The Library addition bid will be advertised on April 9th and the opening will be April 25th.
- Tomorrow is the deadline for submitting proposals for the Skateboard Park.
- The 2017 Mayors River Cleanup welcomes volunteers. Thanked the Environmental

Commission for their work on the event.

- The Flood Advisory Committee's information seminar is April 24th at the First Reformed Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Mike Bertuna, 8 Reynolds Road, objected to a Township request to enter private homes in order to inspect sump pump connections.

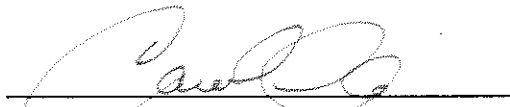
APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the February 28th meeting were unanimously approved.

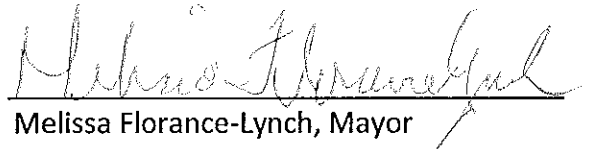
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor