

The April 11, 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 David Kohle
 Councilman Richard Phelan

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
 Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
 Brian Spring, Chief of Police
 Christopher DePuyt, Township Police Captain
 Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

Absent:

Councilman Ryan Herd

There were 42 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Mayor Florance-Lynch presented a proclamation declaring April, 2017 Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Pequannock.
- Mayor Lynch gave the Oath of Office to new Police Officers Cesar Hurtado and Nicholas Schreck.
- Members of the Rotary Club presented a donation for the purchase of police vests for Officer Hurtado and Officer Schreck.
- Chief Brian Spring and Captain Christopher Depuyt gave a presentation on technology updates taking place in the Police Department.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Committee Vice Chair, thanked the Council and Administration for approving the purchase of benches and materials for the construction of kiosks, will be attending a workshop on grants for New Jersey Trails for Morris County on April 25th and 26th and reported on issues with easements related to the bike path.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

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

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Herd

PUBLIC HEARING - 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

There were no public comments.

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

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Herd.

PUBLIC HEARING - 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)

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, 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: Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Florance-Lynch.

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Herd.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2017-82**, authorizing a 2016 veteran's deduction and refund.
- **R2017-83**, approving the designated special event permit applications (Pequannock Township Street Festival).
- **R2017-84**, approving the designated special event permit applications (Applechase 5K/12K Run for Life).
- **R2017-85**, creating a "safe zone" at the Township of Pequannock Police Department for the public to meet for internet-based transactions.
- **R2017-86**, accepting a deed of dedication over a portion of Block 2503, Lot 2 (43 Sunset Road).
- **R2017-87**, authorizing the award of a Professional Services Contract to Crew Engineers, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$335,000.00 to provide Engineering Services for the Route 23 Sewer Extension.
- **R2017-88**, adopting the Pequannock Township Public Elevation Action Plan as an official plan of the Township of Pequannock.
- **R2017-89**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **April 7, 2017** Bill List.
- **R2017-90**, authorizing purchases from the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.

Ms. Winterfield expressed concern about the course for the Applechase run and notification of residents and the Borough of Lincoln Park.

Andy Ball, 18 Glen Road, Sparta, the organizer of the event, provided information regarding the timing, route, and outstanding issues related to the event.

After discussion, the Council requested resolution **R2017-84** be revised to require any necessary approvals from the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and notification to Lincoln Park and to any churches located on or near the race course.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolutions R2017-82 through R2017-90, and R2017-84 as revised**, were adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Herd.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Resolution concerning funding for behavioral health services.

Members of the Council considered a resolution urging the State to put fiscal safeguards in place regarding behavioral health services along with the State's proposal for changes to the funding. After discussion it was determined Township Health Officer would be requested to review the proposal prior to taking action.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Report of sale (previously distributed)
- Notice of Public Hearing: Borough of Kinnelon Planning Board: 125 Saw Mill Road (Block 57101 Lots 119 and 120 – previously distributed).

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

- An updated Project Status Report has been distributed. Progress has been made in the past couple of months on the Water Tank, Martin Berry House, and Mountain Avenue.
- Please make note of activities within the Township on these dates:

Saturday, April 22	Little League Opening Day – Parade
Saturday, April 29	Fishing Contest at Woodland Lake (Date Changed)
Monday, May 29	Memorial Day Parade
Saturday, June 3	Shred Day: 9 – 12 at Town Hall
Sunday, June 4	Street Fair 11-5 Turnpike at Jackson
- The Township has received the sub-award agreement for the 2015 FEMA Elevation Grant and a kick-off meeting with FEMA, State OEM and staff will take place this week.
- Water Tank Bids will be opened on May 12th.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Expressed appreciation for moving the date of the Fishing Contest to avoid a conflict with Little League Opening Day.
- Volunteers from the church cleanup day worked on the Martin Berry House last weekend.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow night.

Mr. Kohle:

- First-Aid Squad met last night. Construction of the new rig should be starting this week and be completed in 90 days.
- Little League parade is scheduled for April 22nd at 8:30 a.m. at PV School.
- The Fishing Contest has been rescheduled for April 29th from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m. The lake will be stocked on April 25th at 4:00 p.m.
- Participated in the church Community Service Day at Greenview Park and was impressed with the number of branches that were gathered up as well as the work done at the Martin Berry House.

Mr. Phelan:

- Welcomed the Township Manager back.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Thanked the volunteers and members of the Council who participated in the Mayor's River Cleanup.
- The bid notice for the Children's addition to the Library was printed in yesterday's Suburban Trends and the bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 25th at 2 p.m. in the Courtroom. The Library will be closed this Friday, April 14th for Good Friday. The next board meeting is April 19th.
- Economic Development Committee will be meeting with the Township's planner prior to the next Committee meeting.
- Flood Advisory Committee will be hosting their first public Flood Information Outreach session at Friendship Hall April 24th at 7:30. Information regarding reducing insurance costs, remapping of the flood areas, elevation grant information, will be discussed. Federal, State and local officials will be in attendance.
- Morris County Prevention is Key is hosting free Narcan training on April 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Chilton Medical Center.
- Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo has reached out to the Township regarding the Food Pantry.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Leonard Smith, 35 Park Avenue, requested the Township consider using a newly acquired property to improve the seating of the baseball field adjacent to the Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, minutes of the March 2, 7, 9, 13 and March 28, 2017 meetings were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the March 16, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved with Mr. Kohle abstaining.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

- On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolution R2017-91**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition was unanimously adopted.

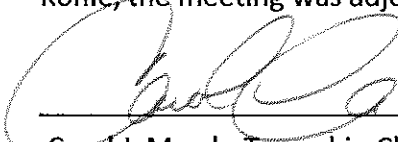
The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:28 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Property Acquisition of a flood prone property and authorized the Township Manager to proceed.

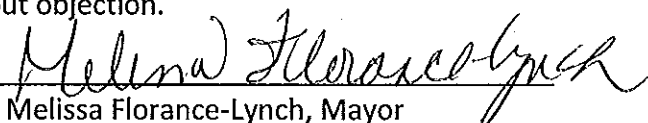
The closed session was completed at 8:34 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

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. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor