

The May 23, 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, Asst. to the Twp. Manager
- Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 33 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- James Bolte was honored as the 2017 Citizen of the Year.
- The Pequannock Township First Aid & Rescue Squad was presented with a proclamation declaring May 21<sup>st</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup> Emergency Medical Services Week.
- Environmental Commission Chair Thomas Newman presented the Committee's 2016 accomplishments.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Nick DeStefano, Flood Control Advisory Committee Vice Chair, reported on the availability and features of the flood app and issues related to the way car ports are addressed in the elevation grant.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Ann Marie Falstrom, 34 Marlin Ave, requested information regarding the use of the fire pit near the snack bar at PV Park.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-05; BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELEVATION OF FLOOD PRONE HOMES AND THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF GENERATORS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,500,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,500,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, questioned if the generators referenced in the ordinance were the same as those referenced in a prior grant.

Mr. Tietjen listed the generators that would be covered by the ordinance.

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-06;** ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 64 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND REPEALING THE FIFTY PERCENT WAIVER OF FEES FOR FLOOD PLAIN MITIGATION ELEVATIONS.

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

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-07;** ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 3 AND 79 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND AMENDING THE FEE FOR AN APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the Public Hearing was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-08;** ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$667,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mr. Herd, the Public Hearing was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-09;** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$1,070,000 FOR FINANCING THEREOF.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the Public Hearing was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

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

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-10;** ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$170,000 FROM THE WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the Public Hearing was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.** There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2017-104**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2017-105**, designating Pequannock Township as a Stigma-Free Community.
- **R2017-106**, authorizing an Agreement between the Township and the County of Morris establishing a cooperative means of conducting certain Community Development and Home Activities Programs.
- **R2017-107**, authorizing the acceptance of a hold harmless agreement from Capri Investments/Argetim Ameti (Block 1701, Lot 10 / 13 Arundel Road).
- **R2017-108**, authorizing the acceptance of a hold harmless agreement from Christopher and Laura Gibbons (Block 1704, Lot 4 / 17 Brooklawn Drive).
- **R2017-109**, confirming the award of contract for the Pequannock Library Addition by the Pequannock Township Public Library Board of Trustees.
- **R2017-110**, Council authorizing a 2017 Municipal Alliance Grant application in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- **R2017-111**, approving Change Order No. 21 for the Village Area Sewer project and increasing the contract with Underground Utilities Corp. to a revised contract price of **\$12,301,460.48**.

- **R2017-112**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **May 19, 2017** Bill List.
- **R2017-113**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.

Mr. Phelan requested information regarding the previous contract price for r2017-111

Ms. Winterfield requested information regarding appointments required for CDBG and requested an explanation of bid for the Library.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-104 through R2017-112** were 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. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolution R2017-113** which had been added to the revised agenda, was 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.**

- Pipeline Ordinance.

After a brief discussion, members of the Council expressed support for the draft ordinance as distributed. The council requested the ordinance as drafted be forwarded to the Planning Board and the Environmental Commission for review and comment prior to introduction by the Council.

- John Bannon, 212 Greenleaf Court, requested information on draft ordinance.

#### **REPORTS AND NOTICES.**

- Morris County Solid Waste Management Plan; April 2017

Ms. Winterfield questioned if the update to the plan would limit use of the recycling center to authorized users only and preclude members of the public from using the recycling facility.

**MANAGER'S REPORT.** Assistant to the Township Manager Christopher Tietjen reported the following:

- There is no recycling collection on Monday, May 29, 2017 in observance of Memorial Day. Recycling collection will resume on Monday, June 5, 2017.
- Vegetative waste and trash will be collected on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 as scheduled.
- Shred day is next Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon in the front parking lot of Town Hall.

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

##### ***Mr. Herd:***

- The Open Space Advisory Committee is looking for projects for 2018. The kiosk on Pequannock Avenue is under construction.
- Municipal Alliance and Pequannock Coalition are concerned there will be cuts to funding.
- Requested a review of an ordinance regarding the licensing of e-cigarette sales.

##### ***Mr. Phelan:***

- Fire Co. No. 2 met last Thursday. Questions from the meeting have been forwarded to the Township Manager.

##### ***Ms. Winterfield:***

- No Report

##### ***Mr. Kohle:***

- Fair Housing will meet tomorrow.
- PV Park opens this week.

**Mayor Florance-Lynch:**

- Shred Day is June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Memorial Day Parade is Monday.
- The Pequannock Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Pequannock Township Street Fair on Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Economic Development advisory Committee meets next Wednesday at 7:30

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

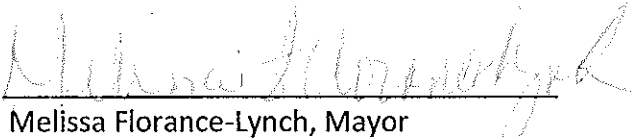
- Jordan Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, thanked the Council and Administration for everything they've done to move forward on the Skate Park, and reported there would be skate boarding lessons available through Parks and Recreation and possibly at the Pequannock Township Street Fair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** There were no minutes presented for approval.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. without objection.

  
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Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk  
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Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor