

The August 22, 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:

David Hollberg, Township Manager  
 Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney  
 Robert Grant, Construction Official  
 Christopher Tietjen, Asst. to the Twp. Manager  
 Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 20 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- Construction Official Robert Grant reviewed the organization, responsibilities and activities of the Pequannock Township Building Department.
- Tom Hurley of Spatial Data Logic gave an overview of software used to support the activities of several Township Departments.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Nick DeStefano, Flood Control Advisory Committee Vice Chair, reported on activities of the Committee in raising awareness to residents eligible to apply for elevation grants.
- Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, reported the Committee is recommending the purchase of a property which is located in a floodway and on the Riverwalk and provided status on the bike path.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Stephen Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, expressed concern about the cost of a Skatepark relative to its value, questioned how the park would be supervised, and questioned how much the Township has committed to spend on the parks construction.
- Lucia Carlucci, 3703 Tudor Drive, stated a Skatepark is not an asset and expressed concern that insurance rates would increase as a result of its construction. In response, Mr. Hollberg explained that, since the Township participates in an insurance pool, any increase in rates would be negligible.
- Janice Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, stated a Skatepark can be used 12 months of the year, more than swim lanes or a soccer field.
- Jane Gmeur, 5 Van Dyk Place, recommended the decision to fund construction of a Skatepark be put to referendum.

- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, expressed concern about supervising a park that would be open to outsiders, stating that there is a regulatory aspect and fees charged for the use of other Township facilities.
- Richard Lisowski, 151 Lincoln Park Road, reported on factors that might affect the cost of Skatepark construction and encouraged interested parties to attend the Skatepark Committee meetings.
- Janice Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, questioned if there is sufficient interest in skateboarding to warrant construction of a park.
- Jordan Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, stated low participation in skateboarding is due to the lack of well-designed and maintained skateparks in the area, and expressed satisfaction with his participation in an individual activity.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

##### **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-12; ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (SPECIAL FLOOD AREA)**

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

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. Herd, seconded by Mr. Kohle, 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. 2017-13; ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (PIPELINES)**

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

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. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, 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.**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2017-14; BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE #2007-13, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY #2014-18, RESTATING BOND ORDINANCE #2014-18 AND PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$5,560,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,560,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF**

Mr. Hollberg explained the ordinance consolidates the debt authorized in previously adopted ordinances and outlined several design changes including the decision to construct a concrete tank and increase the number of linear feet of water main, that have increased the initial cost of the project but will provide savings in maintenance costs and substantially increase the useful life of the tank.

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.

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2017-154**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2017-155**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2017-156**, requesting the Director of the New Jersey Division of Local Government Services approve an amendment to the Township's 2017 Municipal Budget for funds received from the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund for Martin Berry House Construction Documents
- **R2017-157**, approving the Person to Person and Place to Place transfer of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Plenary Retail Consumption License of Mounir N. Badaan to The Legacy Castle LLC.
- **R2017-158**, authorizing execution of an agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance cooperative purchasing program.
- **R2017-159**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts by the National Joint Powers Alliance cooperative purchasing program.
- **R2017-160**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts by the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission.
- **R2017-161**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **August 18, 2017** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-154 through R2017-161** 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 Wayne Public Hearing; Ordinance No. 34-2017 An ordinance amending chapter 134 (Land development) of the code of the Township of Wayne
- Borough of Pompton Lakes Public Hearing and Ordinance Adoption: Ordinance No. 17-18; An ordinance amending §90-83 Of the Borough Administrative Code – Redevelopment Block 6300 Lot 34

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

- The Township is providing split firewood to residents. Residents can call the DPW to schedule a time to pick up 60 pieces of split firewood. This service is provided as an alternative to having to pay to dispose of trees that are cut by our Shade Tree division.
- Another Shred Day has been scheduled for Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 1 at Town Hall
- Please make note of the following activities within the Township:
  - Saturday, September 16      Hoe Down at Greenview Park

Saturday, October 28	Household Hazardous Waste Day: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at PV Park
Saturday, Nov 4	Shred Day at Town Hall – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 26	Christmas Tree Lighting at Senior House

**COUNCIL REPORTS.****Mr. Phelan:**

- This weekend's picnic is currently scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Mr. Herd:**

- Monday August 21<sup>st</sup> was National Senior Day.
- The next Municipal Alliance Meeting is Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. at the High School.

**Ms. Winterfield:**

- Reported residents have suggested a food drive be included in the Shred Day.
- Recommended a meeting of Committee Chairs be organized for early in 2018 to allow for sufficient planning.

**Mr. Kohle:**

- First Aid Squad reported 74 calls for July, assisted at the Jersey City Fireworks and attended the 3 Piranha home swim meets and the Pequannock Triathlon.
- Fair Housing Committee meets tomorrow.
- Requested an update on the Clock repair.

**Mayor Florance-Lynch:**

- Economic Development Advisory Committee meets Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- There is still time for organizations to sign up for the Hoe Down.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Steve Mangeiri, 17 Foothills Drive, expressed appreciation for the professionalism of Construction Code Official Robert Grant and the staff of the Construction Department.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the following meetings:  
June 13, 2017

June 27, 2017 Special Meeting

June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting

July 11, 2017

were approved without objection.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2017-162**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Tax Appeals was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 9:33 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

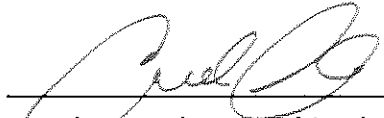
- Tax Appeals: The Atlantic Health System Tax appeal was discussed and direction was given to the Township Attorney and Township Manager.

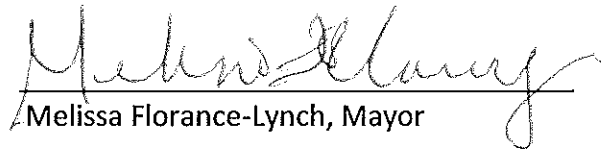
The closed session was completed at 9:48 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 p.m. without objection.

  
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Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
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Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor