

The September 26, 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  
Christopher Tietjen, Asst. to the Twp. Manager  
Shelley Gallagher, Municipal Court Administrator  
John A. Paparazzo, Municipal Court Judge  
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 33 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- A proclamation declaring October 6, 2017 Knock Out Opioid Abuse Day was presented.
- Municipal Court Administrator Shelley Gallagher reviewed the organization and activities of the Municipal Court. Municipal Court Judge John A. Paparazzo gave an overview of recent NJ criminal justice reform.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Jordan Galliano, Skateboard Park Advisory Committee member, reported the Committee met last Thursday and participated in a conference call regarding the site at Washington. Mr. Galliano encouraged the Council to approve the geotechnical survey which is on the agenda for consideration.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Jason Richardson, 100 Mandeville Avenue, expressed support for Officer Matthew Levine. Mr. Oostdyk explained personnel issues cannot be discussed at a Council meeting.
- Carol Gershkin, Wayne, spoke in support of Officer Levine.
- Donna Cetani, 117 Greenwood Avenue, objected to locating a skatepark in a flood zone and expressed concern for the changes taking place in the neighborhood of Greenwood Avenue and Madison Street.
- Steve Mangieri, 17 Foothills Drive, objected to the amount of money being spent on development of a skatepark in light of the resources that will be needed to address issues related to the preliminary flood maps.
- Dave Stapp, 729 Newark Pompton Turnpike, thanked the Township for their efforts in acquiring the Martin Berry House and encouraged the Council to approve the Memorandum

of Understanding with the Pequannock Township Historic Society.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were no public hearings.

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

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2017-173**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2017-174**, authorizing a professional services agreement between the Township of Pequannock and Engineering & Land Planning Associates, Inc., for geotechnical engineering services.
- **R2017-175**, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Township of Pequannock and the Pequannock Township Historical Society relating to the Martin Berry House.
- **R2017-176**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **September 22, 2017** Bill List.
- **R2017-177**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department (Blahut, Pressler).

Members of the Council commented on the resources that will be required to move forward on the skatepark.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-173 through R2017-177** 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.**

- **Project Status and Priorities**  
The Council requested a ranking of the projects and information regarding outstanding steps.
- **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK ENTITLED, "PARKS AND RECREATION"**  
After discussion members of the Council agreed to the criteria for rates and income qualification for seniors and rates for profit and non-profit groups and requested the ordinance be considered for introduction.

**REPORTS AND NOTICES.**

- Resolution of the Twp of Hanover petitioning the members of the Morris County Legislative Delegation to support Senate No.1832 and Assembly No. 3823 in establishing a fast track foreclosure law.
- Resolution of the Borough of Butler calling on the State of Governor Christie, the New Jersey Assembly and Senate to create and establish a fast track foreclosure law.

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

- The floor has been poured for the Water Tank.
- Received preliminary notice from FEMA that the 2016 grant has been approved.
- The 2017 grant application will be submitted next week.

**COUNCIL REPORTS.**

*Mr. Herd:*

- The proclamation on Opioid abuse requested by the Municipal Alliance was presented on October 6<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- Open Space Committee meets October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Phelan:**

- Shade Tree Commission met last night.
- In Observance of Fire Prevention Week, Fire Co. No. 2 is holding an open house on October 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

**Ms. Winterfield:**

- Thanked everyone who contributed to making the Hoedown a great success.

**Mr. Kohle:**

- Requested status regarding field usage policies and on several development projects.
- Reported the Wayne Zoning Board has approved a large development on Route 23 which borders the river and requested status of a property in the Village purchased for an easement.
- First Aid Squad reports the new ambulance will be delivered tomorrow.
- Fair Housing Committee meets tomorrow night.
- Commended Parks and Recreation for the success of the Hoedown.

**Mayor Florance-Lynch:**

- Requested status on the Mountain Avenue easements.
- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.
- Suggested the Council receive an update on the skatepark once the geotechnical study is complete.
- Commended Parks and Recreation for the success of the Hoedown.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Lou Hebert, 10 Copley Court, questioned if there is money in the next budget for umbrellas and tables at PV Park and commented on problems controlling large groups entering PV Park.
- Bob Morley, 4 Jacksonville Road, suggested the Township consider the use of eminent domain to acquire necessary easements on Mountain Avenue, expressed concern about the ultimate cost of a skatepark and questioned how much use it would get.
- Kyle Russell, 6 Walnut Avenue, asked if there is an "out clause" in the design contract for the skatepark and recommended flood issues be a priority.
- Dave Stapp, 729 Newark Pompton Turnpike, thanked the Council for approving the Memorandum of Understanding, reported the Pathways to History Tour will be on Saturday and Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and requested information about the status of the construction documents.

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

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolution R2017-178**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss property acquisition was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:45 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

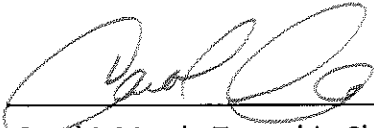
- The Township Council was advised by the Township Manager regarding a property acquisition and direction was given.

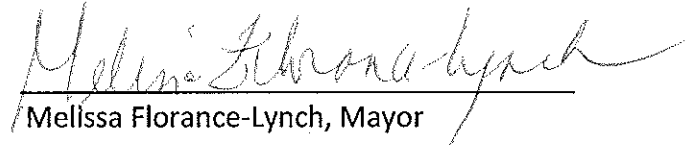
The closed session was completed at 8:54 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. without objection.

  
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Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
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Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor