

The December 12, 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  
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 19 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.** There were no presentations.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Rocco Salluce, Fair Housing Committee Chair, recommended the consultant currently serving the Fair Housing Committee continue in that position and requested the consultant be sure to communicate with the Committee.
- Steve Connolly, Skateboard Park Advisory Committee Chair, reported on 3 designs proposed by Pillar Designs and on fundraising activities for the skate park.
- Lieutenant Mike Fairweather reported on activities regarding community policing, expressed support of the skate park, and stated the Department and the PBA are interested in contributing available funds toward the project. Detective Steve Cicchetti expressed his opinion that the skate park would be a healthy option and an alternative to organized sports for the community and provide an opportunity for the Police Department to interact in a positive way with residents.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, requested information on the size of the proposed skate park facility, expressed concern about the cost of insurance, questioned if people from out of town would be permitted to use the park and asked if a survey was conducted to judge the likelihood of use.
- Jacquie Stivala, 7 Patire Place, provided information regarding requirements of the Joint Insurance Fund, and costs of a skate park previously constructed in Bar Harbor.
- Jordan Galliano, 10 Peck Ave, provided clarification of the information regarding the size of the Bar Harbor skate park, and additional information regarding insurance requirements, explained additional features may be added to the current design of a skate park in later phases, and reviewed fundraising efforts.

- Donna Cetani, 117 Greenwood Ave, expressed concern about the location of the skate park.
- Sandy LaCorte, 4 Patire Place, expressed concern about the impact a skate park on flooding in the area, objected to taxpayers paying the entire bill for the park, reminded the Council that the facility would need to conform with Green Acres requirements, questioned if additional resources of the Police Department would be needed and objected to use of the skate park being free.
- Janice Galliano, 10 Peck Ave, noted there is a large paved parking lot in Washington Park and expressed support for providing a freely available skate park.
- Janice Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, questioned if the parking lot is in the flood zone, reported on the JIF's requirements for an unsupervised park, requested a list of parks in flood zones designed by this Pillar Designs.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

**PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-19, AMENDING CHAPTER 83 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK ENTITLED "FIRE PROTECTION"**

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. Phelan, 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.**

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2017-210**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department (Baum).
- **R2017-211**, authorizing the NJDEP Treatment Works and Temporary Dewatering Permit applications, and Statement of Consent for the Route 23 Northbound and Southbound Sanitary Sewer Extension.
- **R2017-212**, cancelling Water Utility balances.
- **R2017-213**, cancelling Current Fund balances.
- **R2017-214**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the December 8, 2017 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-210 through R2017-214** 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.**

- Chapter 185 Wreckers; Section.185.13 Service Rates

Mr. Hollberg explained the circumstances under which the rates apply and stated the fees had not been updated in 17 years. After discussion, members of the Council agreed to move forward with the ordinance.

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

- Morris County Administrator: 2019 Municipal Grant allocation.
- Morris County Department of Human Service: CDRS Appointments.
- Legal Notice, Public Hearing: Borough of Pompton Lakes Master Plan Reexamination.

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

- Pequannock Township had an excellent turnout at the FEMA Open House Meetings. Over the 2 meetings that were held to serve all Morris county residents, over 50% of the attendees were from Pequannock Township.
- Jennifer McCulloch has been hired to fill the position of Municipal Flood Advocate. She is a Certified Flood Plain Manager and has headed the County's Flood Mitigation Program for the past several years. She will start after the first of the year.
- Please make note of activities within the Township on these dates:  
Saturday, April 7, 2018      Mayors River Clean-up

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

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

- Senior Advisory Committee was cancelled.
- Municipal Alliance Committee is tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the High School.

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

- Shade Tree Commission met two Mondays ago.
- The Fire Companies had their Santa Claus runs over the weekend. The event was very well attended and enjoyed.
- The Chiefs of the Fire Companies, along with the Chief of the First Aid Squad met with Northeast Communications to discuss frequency problems with fire bands.

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

- Requested status on a streetlight LED ordinance.
- Environmental Commission is not meeting tomorrow. The Committee met last week to participate in an ANJEC webinar regarding septic management. The Committee is considering recommending requirements for septic inspection, information dissemination, and nitrite analysis as discussed in the webinar.
- Matthew Wisneski has chosen recreation of the bollards outside the Railroad Museum as his Eagle Scout project.
- Joined the Pequannock Skatepark Association in a litter cleanup at Greenview Park and reported large numbers of beer cans and baby wipes.

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

- Fair Housing Committee met on November 29<sup>th</sup> with Greener by Design participating for the first time.
- Parks and Recreation met on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- First Aid Squad reported 54 calls in November. From November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017 the Squad had 709 calls. Two members of the Squad received Life Saving awards for their actions last Saturday.

**Mayor Florance-Lynch:**

- There will be a holiday luncheon for volunteers and employees on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- The Fire Department is holding their annual installation dinner January 13<sup>th</sup>.
- There will be an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Benjamin Afflito and Jonathan White at 1:00 p.m. on December 30<sup>th</sup> at the First Reformed Church.
- Complimented the Fire Companies on the success of their holiday activities.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, requested status of the conditions on a property on Newark Pompton Turnpike and questioned what kind of surveillance is present at the Township's parks.
- Jordan Galliano, 10 Peck Avenue, expressed dismay at the litter in the parks and concern that people don't remove their litter, and recommended additional education.
- Jacquie Stivala, 7 Patire Place, requested information on the role of the new Municipal Flood Advocate, questioned if additional funds should be spent on contesting the new FEMA maps, provided information on the comparative cost of other skate parks, asked if the skate park would have trash cans and about the amount of money raised for the skate park to date, and stated the park should not be a gift.
- Janice Galliano, 10 Peck Ave, expressed the wish that people would attend meetings rather than posting inaccurate information on social media.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield **Resolution R2017-215**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss litigation of the Cedar Crest tax appeal was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:32 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed

- The tax appeal filed by Cedar Crest. Theodore Lamarella, the Township's expert, joined the closed session. A proposed settlement was reviewed and direction given the Township Attorney.

The closed session was completed at 8:55 p.m. at which time the Council reconvened the public meeting.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, minutes of the November 7, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. without objection.

  
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Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
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Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor