

The December 26, 2017 meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 1:00 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

Absent:

Councilman Richard Phelan

Also Attending:

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

There were 80 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- Police Officer Benjamin Kohle was sworn in by Mayor Florance-Lynch.
- Members of the Pequannock Police Department, Pequannock PBA Local 172, the Morris County Sheriff's Department, Community Partners for Hope, and the Pequannock Municipal Alliance Committee announced the opening of the Center for Addiction Recovery Education and Success (CARES) Pequannock Outreach Center.

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2017-216**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2017-217**, authorizing payment in the amount of \$2,508.00 to William Dunlap for Accumulated Leave.
- **R2017-218**, authorizing the discharge of an affordable housing program mortgage.
- **R2017-219**, cancelling end of year balances.
- **R2017-220**, authorizing the transfer of 2017 Municipal Budget Appropriations.
- **R2017-221**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the December 21, 2017 Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-216 through R2017-221** were adopted by the following vote:

For: Mr. Herd, Mr. Kohle, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Florance-Lynch.  
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

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

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.**

- 2018 Pequannock Township Council meeting schedule.
- Members of the Council tentatively approved dates for the 2018 Council meetings.
- 2018 Budget Calendar.
- Members of the Council tentatively approved the schedule for the 2018 Budget process.

**REPORTS AND NOTICES.**

- Certificate of Determination and Award  
Mr. Hollberg reviewed the projects to be financed by the notes referenced in the Certificate.

**MANAGER'S REPORT.** No report.

**COUNCIL REPORTS.****Mr. Herd:**

- Commended Chilton Hospital for the care they recently gave to a family member.

**Ms. Winterfield:**

- Requested a resolution regarding LED street lights.

**Mr. Kohle:** No report.

- Councilman Kohle excused himself from the meeting at 1:31 p.m.

**Mayor Florance-Lynch:**

- Reported on progress on the Library addition.
- The Freeholders swearing in is Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.
- The Township's reorganization meeting is January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.** There were no reports from volunteers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Janice Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, reviewed projects by Pillar Designs reported to be in flood zones, expressed concern about their experience and questioned the demand for a skate park.
- Jacquie Stivala, 7 Patire Place, questioned if proper notices had been provided regarding the skate park and reported a problem with one of the videos posted on the website.
- Kyle Russell, 6 Walnut Avenue, questioned the accuracy of information provided by the skate park designer.
- Robert Sidoti, 85 Mountain Avenue, requested clarification of the rules regarding sewer connections for newly subdivided lots.
- Donna Sidoti, 85 Mountain Avenue, stated the Township appeared to be considering changing the current regulation in response to Mr. Sidoti's request.
- Bob Morley, 4 Jacksonville Road, expressed concern the cost of a skate park will prevent the development of future projects, and stated his hope that the Council will have all the necessary information prior to making a final decision on the park.
- Sam Ciresi, 5 Tunis Place, expressed concern about the impact of modifying the sewer policy to accommodate new lots, and expressed support for projects such as skate parks, BMX facilities and rock climbing walls that would improve the Township.
- Edward Sinning, 59 West End Avenue, expressed concern that the ultimate cost of the skate park would rise from current estimates and questioned if there was sufficient demand to justify the cost.
- Steve Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, questioned who is responsible for conducting due diligence on the skate park and expressed concern regarding the location, ultimate cost and amount of

likely usage of the proposed park.

- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, requested information regarding the legal requirements for posting information on meetings of the Township Council and other committees and on the public's ability to record those meetings; asked how many of the Township's parks are in flood zones and expressed support for projects which support all of the community's children.
- Kevin Shenton, 16 Whitebirch Avenue, requested information on the process and timing involved in appealing the flood maps and questioned if funding the construction of the skate park would divert funds that would otherwise be used to assist homeowners affected by the modified FEMA maps and other projects.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolution R2017-222**, 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 2:46 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- Litigation of the Cedar Crest tax appeal: The matter was discussed and direction was given to the Township Manager and the Township Attorney.

The closed session was completed at 3:03 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

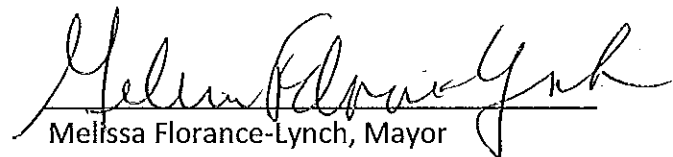
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m. without objection.

  
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Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
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Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor