

The January 9, 2018 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 Catherine Winterfield 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 will be 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 Winterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor Catherine Winterfield
Deputy Mayor David Kohle
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent:

Councilman Ryan Herd

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 37 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Rosemary Phalon, 76 Third Street, speaking on behalf of the group *Quilting for a Cause*, thanked the Township, volunteers and contributors for their support, reported the group made 702 quilts in 2017, stated the quilts are distributed to the homeless, and invited anyone interested to participate in the group's sew-a-thon on the following weekend.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Richard Wisz, 306 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, expressed concern about the safety of the ice on Woodland Lake and questioned if the fishing contest will conflict with the Little League Opening Day.
- Janice Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, provided information about the number of participants in the Pequannock Township recreation programs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-19, AMENDING CHAPTER 83 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK ENTITLED "FIRE PROTECTION"

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2018-40**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolution R2018-40** was adopted by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- **Community Energy Aggregation:**

Mrs. Florance-Lynch introduced Alan Zakin, Market Representative for CUC Concord which provides energy aggregation services. Mr. Zakin reported on updates in legislation regarding energy aggregation and the process for making the program available to residents.

Members of the Council requested a presentation be scheduled at a future meeting.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

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

- The kickoff meeting for the 2016 FEMA Elevation Grant was held today. Homeowners in the second grant round will be able to start the first steps in the elevations process.
- Requested the Council schedule a workshop meeting to review Municipal Facilities on January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.
- Reported the following activities within the Township:

2018

Saturday, January 13

Fire Department Installation Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15

Christmas Tree Pick Up

Sunday, January 21

Polar Plunge at PV Park – 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 7

Mayor's River Clean-Up

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- Questioned the status of a resent request for a sewer connection on Mountain Avenue.
- Economic Development Commission meets next Wednesday.

Mr. Kohle:

- Parks and Recreation met last night. The Polar Plunge has been postponed until the 21st due to severe cold weather. There has been an objection to the new policy regarding field usage fees, and it has been recommended that a formal policy be developed regarding the safety of ice at Woodland Park.
- The 10th annual First Aid Squad Casino Night will be held on January 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit School. The Squad reported taking 69 calls during the month of December.

Mr. Phelan:

- The First Aid Squad Installation Dinner is Saturday at 6:00 p.m.
- Engine Company 1 met on Friday. Company 2 meets this Thursday. They are looking forward to the new digital dispatch system.
- Planning Board met yesterday. Welcomed new members, including Mayor Winterfield.

Mayor Winterfield:

- Requested information about how to best provide information to residents, recommended updating the website to improve access to information for residents.
- There will be a ribbon cutting for the Martin Berry House May 5th. The Pequannock Historic

Society will be participating in Pathways to History as a separate group.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Jacquie Stivala, 7 Patire Place, commented on the potential cost of the skate park and the policy concerning the cost of the field, and requested there be transparency on the project.
- Robert Sidoti, 85 Mountain Avenue, requested an update on his request to be allowed a sewer connection on the subdivision of his lot.
- Robert Morley, 4 Jacksonville Road, expressed concern the estimate of the cost of the skate park is missing certain elements and commented on extra costs associated with the location.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, requested assistance from the Council improving attendance at meetings of the Republican club.
- Sandy LaCorte, 4 Patire Place, requested the skate park be put to referendum, questioned the amount of community support and suggested the council consider other alternatives.
- Kyle Russel, 6 Walnut Avenue, requested the skate park design be provided in advance of the presentation.
- Sandy LaCorte volunteered to work with the Township to develop alternative recreation opportunities.
- Lorraine Mercier Robertson, 128 West End Avenue, expressed concern about environmental and safety issues related both to recreation and to drugs and alcohol usage in the Township.
- Matt Blahut, 164 West End Avenue, questioned if a survey had been done to determine if there was a demand for a skate park.

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

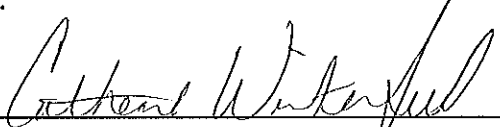
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no executive session.

ADJOURNMENT.

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



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor