

The March 13, 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 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 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 Ryan Herd
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent: None

Also Attending:

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

There were 30 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- David Way was recognized for his service to the Township of Pequannock.
- Stacia Scaduto of Concord Energy gave a presentation on the Morris Energy Aggregation Co-op Program.
 - William Chedwidden Mayor of Wharton, provided information on Wharton's experience with the program.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Ann Marie Finnen, 166 Boulevard, stated the \$60 to \$100 dollars in savings per year from the energy aggregation program would be meaningful to her.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2018-66**, authorizing Utility Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2018-67**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2018-68**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **March 9, 2018** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolutions R2018-66 through R2018-68** were adopted by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Herd, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mayor Winterfield.

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no discussion items.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

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

- The swim team has indicated they will provide a contributions towards the swim lanes of over \$1,000. The lane markers have been ordered and will be installed after the dock installation is complete.
- The Township has submitted our Preliminary Cost Assessment for the 2 winter storms that impacted our area last week to the County Office of Emergency Management. Our cost associated with the first storm were minimal, however the Township response to last Wednesday's storm cost about \$60,000 and that does not include the ongoing debris removal and cleanup costs.
- We are working on a storm debris removal plan that will include a combination of increased collection days from our Vegetative Waste Contractor and removal of larger branches from trees in the right of way by our Township Tree Maintenance Crew. Additional information will be publicized when we have arranged collection dates with Blue Diamond.
- At this time, residents should not place material at or near the curb since a large amount of snow remains along our roads and it may be necessary to plow roads again if there is another snow event. Branches placed in the street will damage Township snow removal equipment and will cause the cleared road width to be very narrow.
- I've included a draft resolution with my report to approve the skate park design. The resolution has been drafted to include the variety of comments and input from Council over the past several meeting. Please review and advise if this represents the consensus of where Council stands on this issue. We can adjust it as necessary or list it for approval on a future agenda.
- Please make note of activities within the Township on these dates:

Sunday, March 18	Grains of Hope – PV School
Saturday, April 7	Mayor's River Clean-up
Saturday, April 14	Township Fishing Contest
Saturday, April 21	Little League Opening Day (Parade)
Saturday, April 28	Tree Sapling Giveaway at Town Hall
	Rain Barrel Demonstration at PV Park
Saturday, May 5	Martin Berry House Dedication 1:00 – 2:00
Saturday, May 19	Shred Day at PV Park 9:00 – 1:00
Friday, June 29	Fireworks at High School – After Dark

COUNCIL REPORTS.***Ms. Florance-Lynch***

- Requested clarification of how branches should be handled by residents which was provided by Mr. Hollberg.
- At their February meeting the Economic Development Committee held a round table discussion with a commercial realtor; the group has begun discussion of their vision for Route 23 and have requested specific directions for the process of updating the zoning in the professional business zone; and the group is working on letters to solicit information from property owners in the business districts.

Mr. Herd:

- Some volunteers are still needed for Grains of Hope on Sunday.
- Community Partners for Hope is sponsoring a free event on cyber bullying on Thursday April

12th at 7:00 p.m. at Friendship Hall.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fair Housing met on the 28th and reported satisfaction with Greener by Design.
- Parks and Recreation met the first Monday of this month.
- First Aid Squad met last night.
- The high school football team will be setting up at Grains of Hope on Saturday.

Mr. Phelan:

- Will not be attending the Planning Board Meeting next week.
- Fire Company No. 2 met last Thursday.

Mayor Winterfield:

- Historic District Commission was cancelled due to the weather
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow night.
- Commended the Police, Fire, First Aid and DPW for their work during the storm.
- Stigma Free mental health training is being scheduled. Please express your preference for May 5th or June 16th.
- Read a statement clarifying there is no conflict of interest or ethics issues regarding her earlier involvement with a nonprofit associated with advocating for a skate park.

Township Attorney Robert Oostdyk provided additional information, reiterating Ms. Winterfield's prior involvement in the nonprofit need not appear on her Financial Disclosure Statement and did not constitute a conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT.


- Ann Marie Finnen, 166 Boulevard, reported Tom Andrea was honored by the Pequannock Township Education Association last month and will be recognized as a Friend of Education for Morris County by the Morris County Council of Education Associations.
- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, thanked the Association for the honor.
- Steve Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, requested clarification of Mr. Oostdyk's description of Ms. Winterfield's association with the nonprofit which advocated for a skate park which was provided by Mr. Oostdyk. Mr. Mangeri also requested information on the procedure by which resolutions are brought to the Council.
- Kyle Russell, 6 Walnut Avenue, questioned where the idea for a resolution regarding support of the skate park originated.

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

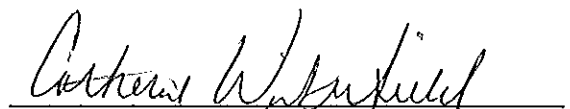
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor