

The April 24, 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 14 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.** There were no presentations.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, and Morris County Board of Transportation Chair reported about 40 volunteers recently removed invasive plants and planted 375 native trees and shrubs on Pequannock Avenue, and provided status on the construction schedule for the rail trail.
- Stacy-Ann Webb, Pequannock First Aid Squad Volunteer and Teen Advisory Committee Adult Advisor, reported the week of May 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> is EMS week. The Squad is holding an open house on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4. The Teen Advisory Committee is having their kick off meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup> in the First Aid Squad building from 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 13 to 18, has prepared a mission statement and is actively recruiting members.
- Joe Wells reminded the Council there is a Rain Barrel symposium and a sapling giveaway on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, commended the Township on their work collecting storm debris and questioned if something could be done about trees and limbs which have fallen in the river. Mr. Hollberg reviewed the status of DEP permits.
- Elaine Baccarella, 16 William Street, asked if there were plans to replant indigenous trees on Alexander Avenue in order to prevent the growth of invasive species.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – 2018 Municipal Budget**

Township Manager Hollberg gave an overview of the 2018 budget which includes a 1% increase in the tax rate, a \$50,000 increase in the tax levy, and also includes an increase in the use of fund

balance to cover the cost of codification, a master plan and a revaluation, all one time projects which are scheduled over the next few years.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the Public Hearing was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the Public Hearing was closed by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

#### **ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.**

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07;** ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND INCREASING THE PERMITTED DURATION FOR THE USE OF TEMPORARY STORAGE UNITS ON PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO FLOOD ELEVATION

Mr. Hollberg stated the ordinance includes revisions recommended by the Planning Board.

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

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

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

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08;** BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELEVATION OF FLOOD PRONE HOMES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$5,001,492 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,001,492 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mr. Hollberg explained the ordinance provides the mechanism to cover the cost of construction prior to being reimbursed by the 2016 FEMA grant.

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. Herd, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mayor Winterfield.

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

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - ORDINANCE NO. 2018-09;** ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT OVER BLOCK 3315, LOT 12 TO PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY

Mr. Hollberg explained the ordinance facilitates providing gas to the animal shelter and described the overall project.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2018-84**, approving the designated special event permit applications. (North Jersey Corvette Club)

- **R2018-85**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department. (Henning)
- **R2018-86**, authorizing the NJDEP Treatment Works and Temporary Dewatering Permit applications, and Statement of Consent for the Mountain Avenue Sewer Extension.
- **R2018-87**, reappointing Carol Marsh Township Clerk.
- **R2018-88**, New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Local Aid and Economic Development Recommendation of Award State Aid Project
- **R2018-89**, awarding a contract for the Mountain Avenue Reconstruction to Vektor Corporation, Inc for the contract amount of \$544,711.00 in accordance with the bid specifications
- **R2018-90**, authorizing the Chief Financial Officer to encumber the amount of \$70,432 from the Township's Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- **R2018-91**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **April 19, 2018** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2018-201 through R2018-208** 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.**

- Township of Pequannock Planning Board RE: Ordinance No. 2018-06
- Borough of Netcong; Resolution 4.01.18; Expressing Its Opposition to Proposed Legislation to Permit the Recreational Use of Marijuana in the State of New Jersey.
- Borough of Kinnelon; Resolution R2018-043; Expressing Its Opposition to Proposed Legislation to Permit the Recreational Use of Marijuana in the State of New Jersey.

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

- Walkable Communities Improvements will be completed this year along the Turnpike in conjunction with paving that will be done by the County. Improved and new crosswalks will be included at several locations in the Pequannock Business District. Some crosswalk locations will include pedestrian activated warning lights.
- We have received a preliminary draft of the FEMA Flood Rate Map Appeal Report. Joe Golden is reviewing the report. A final report is expected within the next two weeks.
- Please make note of activities within the Township on these dates:
 

Saturday, April 28	Tree Sapling Giveaway at Town Hall
	Rain Barrel Demonstration at PV Park
Saturday, May 19	Shred Day at PV Park 9:00 – 1:00
Sunday, June 3	Chamber of Commerce Street Fair
Saturday, June 9	PV Park Movie Night 7:30 Gates open
Friday, June 29	Fireworks at High School – After Dark
Saturday, July 7	Food Truck Festival 11:00 – 6:00

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

##### ***Ms. Florance-Lynch***

- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow at 7:30. The Committee is preparing to send out their Business survey.
- The Grand Opening for the children's room at the Library is 1:00 p.m. on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Recommended the Council representatives to the Citizen of the Year Committee Recognition Committee remain the same which was agreed to by the Council.
- The Morris County Clerks' office is looking for nominations for the Cissy Laurey award.

**Mr. Herd:**

- The Teen Advisory Committee kickoff is May 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Flood Control Advisory Committee meets on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Open Space Advisory Committee meets on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Mr. Kohle:**

- Fair Housing Committee will meet tomorrow at 7:00 p.m.
- Little League Parade was last Saturday.
- PBA Car show is this Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at PV Park.

**Mr. Phelan:**

- Shade Tree Commission met last Thursday. Residents commented on the cuttings along the Bike Trail.
- Fire Co. No. 2 met last Thursday.

**Mayor Winterfield:**

- Tom Andrea was honored for his volunteerism by the Morris County Council of Education Association last week.
- The Youth Mental Health Training is May 5<sup>th</sup> at Senior House. There are a few openings left.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, thanked Mr. Hollberg for all his hard work, and commented on recent flooding at Hickory Street.
- Sandy LaCorte, 4 Patire Place, questioned why there is no information regarding a resolution in support of the skatepark on the agenda and expressed interest in attending the youth mental health training.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

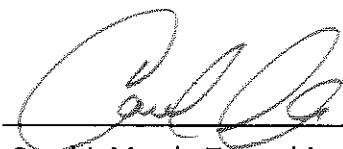
On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, minutes of the February 27, 2017 regular meeting and the following special meetings were unanimously approved with Mr. Phelan abstaining on the February 20<sup>th</sup> minutes:

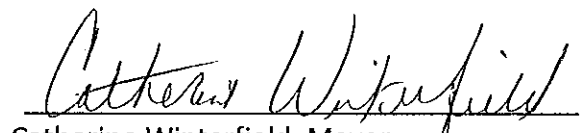
January 23, 2018	March 1, 2018	March 12, 2018
February 20, 2018	March 5, 2018	
February 22, 2018	March 6, 2018	

**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 7:50 p.m. without objection.

  
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 Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
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 Catherine Winterfield, Mayor