

The May 8, 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.

Deputy Township Clerk Michele Levine 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 Richard Phelan

Absent:

Councilman Ryan Herd

Also Attending:

Carol J. Marsh, Acting Township Manager  
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney  
Michele M. Levine, Deputy Township Clerk

There were 21 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- The Pequannock Township First Aid & Rescue Squad was presented with a proclamation declaring May 20<sup>st</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup> Emergency Medical Services Week.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Paul Darmofalski, Economic Development Committee member, reviewed a recommendation of the Committee to establish a professional office zone.  
After discussion, members of the Council recommended the suggestion be forwarded to the Planning Board.
- Stacy-Ann Webb, First Aid Squad Member and Teen Advisory Committee Chair, reported on the First Aid Squad's recent Open House, and on the Teen Advisory Committee's Kick Off meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Steve Connolly, 44 Duncan Avenue, reported on a conversation with Peter Whitley of the Tony Hawk Foundation who advised a resolution would be helpful with fundraising and that starting the permitting and construction documents would also be helpful.
- Donna Cetani, 117 Greenwood Avenue, requested information on the plan for piles of dirt in Washington Park and status of a resolution and budget information regarding a skatepark.
- Kyle Russell, 6 Walnut Avenue, reminded the Council of statements previously made by the Township Manager regarding a letter on the skatepark and objected to spending additional funds without a clear location for the park.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.**

**PUBLIC HEARING - 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.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Kohle, 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 without objection.

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

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Herd

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

On a motion by Mr. Kohle seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the Public Hearing was opened without objection

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the Public Hearing was closed without objection.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Herd.

#### **2018 MUNICIPAL BUDGET ADOPTION.**

- **R2018-92**, adopting the 2018 Municipal Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, resolution **R2018-92**, the 2018 Municipal Budget was adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Herd.

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

#### **RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2018-93**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2018-94**, authorizing Utility Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2018-95**, approving the designated special event permit applications. (Holy Spirit Carnival, Thunderbird Car Show)
- **R2018-96**, supporting NJ Legislative bills A1627 and S1873 to clarify volunteer positions do not impact retirement benefits for public employees.
- **R2018-97**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **May 4, 2018** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2018-93 through R2018-97** were 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.

▪ **EDC Zoning recommendation**

Members of the Council suggested that the recommendation be forwarded to the Planning Department for further processing.

▪ **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 (Public Hearing May 22, 2018).**

▪ **Letter regarding skatepark.**

Members of the Council discussed the possible contents of a letter regarding the skatepark.

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, recommended the Council vote for or against the project before taking further steps.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Court, suggested providing groups involved in funding raising with a list of potential locations.
- Steve Connolly, 44 Duncan Avenue, commented location is important and also noted the design can be used elsewhere, stated the non-profit doesn't anticipate folding but will update charter to say unused funds will go to a local charity, and reviewed issues with various locations that were considered by the skatepark committee
- Frank Spizzirri noted several of the locations are also in flood zones.

Contents of a potential letter to be drafted by the Township Manager were agreed on by several members of the Council.

#### REPORTS AND NOTICES.

**MANAGER'S REPORT.** No Report.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS.

***Ms. Florance-Lynch***

- Economic Development Committee is getting responses from their Building Owner Survey. Links to the information will be distributed. The Committee has been collaborating with the Chamber. Information gathered from business owners will be presented to the Council once the new manager starts.
- The grand opening for the new Children's room at the Library is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

***Mr. Kohle:***

- Fair Housing Committee did not meet last month.
- Parks and Recreation met last night. Both rangers were present. The ribbon cutting for the new swim lanes will be held on Friday, June 22nd at 3:30. PV Park opens Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.
- First Aid Squad meeting is this coming Monday.

***Mr. Phelan:***

- Fire Co. No. 1 met on Friday. Everyone is getting ready for the Memorial Day Parade.
- Fire Co. No. 2 meets this Thursday.

***Mayor Winterfield:***

- The Pequannock Township Historic Society has scheduled the dedication for the Martin Berry House October 13<sup>th</sup>. The Martin Berry House and the Train Station will both be on the

Pathways to History tour on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- The Environmental Bio Blitz is this Saturday at 9:00 a.m. and is open to the public.
- Members of the Council were certified in Mental Health First Aid training by NewBridge.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

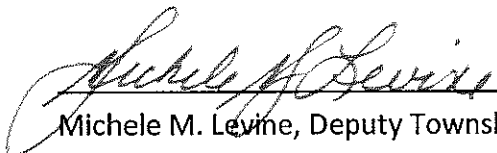
- Sandy LaCorte, 4 Patire Place, reported she attended the Youth mental health First Aid Training. She stated she reviewed the original skatepark presentation and commented the skatepark has 'gotten out of hand'. Reported on comments opposing the skatepark made at a recent Teen Advisory Committee meeting and recommended skate 'spots' along the rail trail be considered as an alternative to a Park.
- Stacy-Ann Webb, 289 Boulevard, thanked Sandy for her help setting up for a Teen Advisory Committee event and noted the comments of the kids at the event were not necessarily representative of all kids.
- Jordan Galliano, 10 Peck Avenue, commented on issues with various locations considered for a skatepark and expressed opposition to the idea of developing skate 'spots'.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, commented the Skatepark Committee meetings were attended by members of the public that might not be represented by attendance records of committee members.
- Jordan Galliano noted attendance wasn't taken at the first few meetings of the Skatepark Committee and later minutes only reflect attendance of Committee members.

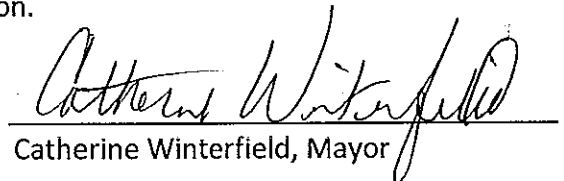
**APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** There were no minutes presented for approval.

**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 8:36 p.m. without objection.

  
Michele M. Levine, Deputy Township Clerk

  
Catherine Winterfield, Mayor