

The November 7, 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

Also Attending:

Adam Brewer, Township Manager
David Ruitenber, Esq.
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

Absent:

Councilman Ryan Herd
Councilman Richard Phelan

There were 18 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Gerald Rohsler, Director of Transportation, Morris County Engineering and Transportation, Denise Chaplick, Director of Park Planning and Development, Morris County Park Commission, and Michael Dannemiller, Principal Engineer for NV5 presented the design of the bike path.
- Patrick Donlon, 3 Elm Road, questioned if the path of the bike path curved in a manner that was not reflected in the presentation. Mr. Rohsler assured him the route reflected in the presentation was accurate.
- Bill Snyder, 15 Elm Road, acknowledged the accuracy of the path route in the presentation, expressed support for the project in general and asked a series of questions regarding use, access and maintenance of the path.
- In response to a question from the audience as read by Mr. Dannemiller, Denise Chaplick provided information on the reasons horses would not be permitted on the pathway itself but will be allowed in the corridor.
- Frank Brandl, 10 Woodland Place, stated he has been taking care of railroad property behind his for many years, described how he has used the property and questioned how this would be handled in the future. Ms. Chaplick recommended Mr. Brandl answer a previously distributed letter regarding easements so the issues could be addressed.
- Patrick Donlon questioned why he did not receive a letter regarding easements, requested information on how safety issues at intersections would be handled, objected to having landscaping be the homeowner's responsibility, questioned who would be responsible for patrolling the path and requested confirmation there is no lighting planned for the path.

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, asked if an access path traditionally used by the residents will remain available, and if the roadways crossed by the pathway would be marked for pedestrians, both of which were answered in the affirmative.
- Janice DeJohn, 15 Elm Road, questioned if the Township might provide financial assistance to homeowners for landscaping.
- Mr. Rohsler noted the County was not planning to clear the entire corridor of the pathway.
- Simone Hardie, 98 Mountain Avenue, questioned who would be responsible for plowing. Ms. Chaplick stated the Parks Commission's preference is to leave the corridor unplowed and available for winter sports.
- Ms. Chaplick noted she is available to provide further information to residents.
- Mr. Donlon expressed concern unauthorized use of land adjacent to the path might worsen.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, questioned if Pequannock water is being tested for substances found or reported to be in the Newark water supply. Mr. Brewer noted the substance cited in Newark has not been found in excess levels in Pequannock Township.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer held his report until the relevant items which are on the evenings agenda, are addressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-24; BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE MARTIN BERRY HOUSE IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$360,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$342,857 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Township Manager Brewer reviewed the terms of grants for rehabilitation of the Martin Berry House and how the ordinance would facilitate financing the costs.

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. Kohle, Mayor Winterfield.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-25; ORDINANCE REAPPROPRIATING \$36,213.74 NOT NEEDED FOR THEIR ORIGINAL PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

Township Manager Brewer explained the ordinance does not authorize new appropriations but allows proper accounting of spending between capital ordinances.

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2018-194**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2018-195**, authorizing Tax Office cancellations for properties purchased by the Township.
- **R2018-196**, authorizing a professional services agreement between the Township of Pequannock and H2M Associates, Inc. for professional planning services in conjunction with the Township of Pequannock Master Plan and related professional services.
- **R2018-197**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **November 2, 2018** Bill List and the **November 2, 2018** 2015 and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow Lists.

Ms. Winterfield recommended costs in the Master Plan proposal referenced in resolution **R2018-196** be redistributed to increase resources related to the Open Space, Parks & Recreation Element and decrease those related to Historic Preservation.

Members of the Council agreed to modify resolution **R2018-196** to reflect the recommended updates to the proposal.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2018-194 through R2018-197** 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.

- Water utility rates: Mr. Brewer reviewed issues regarding the Water Utility including completed capital projects noting current rates may not be sufficient to cover debt service payments and stated an ordinance regarding the rates is being developed.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices

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

- Requested information on feedback regarding noise from fireworks at the Legacy Castle. Members of the Council discussed options for limiting the allowable hours for fireworks.
- Requested confirmation of the date for the TBSA tour.
- Library Board meets next Wednesday.
- Recommended meetings of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee be moved back to its original time slot during the day.

Mr. Kohle:

- Congratulated the First Aid Squad, both Fire Departments and the Ladies Auxiliary for the successful fundraiser for Chief Spring.
- Parks and Recreation has made inquiries about renting kayaks to assess interest before a possible purchase.

Mayor Winterfield:

- Requested members of the Council let Mr. Hayzler know if they will be attending the Veterans Day event on November 12th at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, questioned if there would be a benefit to using computerized sound to mask the noise from the fireworks and asked where in the Newark system the water

originated. Mr. Brewer stated there are no issues regarding lead or copper in the Pequannock Township water supply and would research the question.

- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, suggested the Township consider setting rates to encourage water conservation.
- Lou Hebert, 11 Copley Court, questioned who would be following up regarding police coverage at the Veteran's Day event.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, minutes of the October 9, 2018 and October 23, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

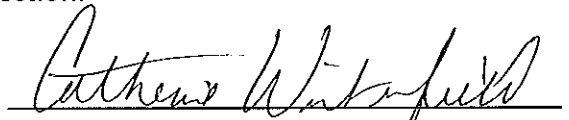
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor