

The December 11, 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

Absent:

Councilman Richard Phelan

Also Attending:

Adam Brewer, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Committee Vice Chair, reported the committee plans to keep the same officers in 2019, and discussed potential bike path names and the status of the kiosks on the Riverwalk.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, reported the ground water level at the dog park is very high.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, noting the date of the staff holiday party, providing status on the installation of the high school generator, requested the Council recommend two members to participate in a master plan stakeholder's group, and provided information on the status of a number of flood issues. Members of the Council recommended Mrs. Florance Lynch and Mr. Kohle who served on the selection committee continue on the stakeholders group and requested Mr. Brewer draft a letter to neighboring communities regarding preventive measures for river de-snagging.

PUBLIC HEARING - Mountain Avenue Water Assessment: Assessment Report

Mr. Brewer reviewed the actions taken regarding an assessment established by Ordinance No. 2011-24.

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

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, objected to the cost of the project relative to the amount of the assessment and to the length of time it has taken to complete the assessment process.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2018-207**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2018-208**, authorizing release of deposits for construction in a Township Right of Way.
- **R2018-209**, authorizing release of a maintenance bond.
- **R2018-210**, authorizing the discretionary award of a contract for sewer connections and septic abandonment for 615 and 621 Newark-Pompton Turnpike in the amount of \$20,960.00, in accordance with the quotation provided.
- **R2018-211**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts under the State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- **R2018-212**, authorizing changes to the village area sewer assessment
- **R2018-213**, accepting deed of right of way dedication and grant of water line and utility easement (Kent Place Holdings, LLC).
- **R2018-214**, accepting sanitary sewer easements in conjunction with the Route 23 sanitary sewer project.
- **R2018-215**, authorizing the township manager to execute discharges or subordinations of mortgages granted to the township in conjunction with the affordable housing program.
- **R2018-216**, authorizing the transfer of 2018 Municipal Budget Appropriations.
- **R2018-217**, establishing the date of the 2019 Reorganization meeting.
- **R2018-218**, approving **Change Order No. 5** for the **Mountain Avenue Water Storage Tank and Transmission Main – Contract 1** project increasing the contract with DN Tanks, Inc. of Wakefield, MA by **\$24,766.47**, to a revised contract price of **\$2,514,462.48**.
- **R2018-219**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **December 7, 2018** Bill List and the **December 7, 2018** 2015 and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow Lists..

Ms. Marsh stated Resolution R2018-213 had been withdrawn and the matter would be considered at a later date.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolutions R2018-207 through R2018-212 and Resolutions R2018-214 through R2018-219** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no discussion items.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- No Report

Mr. Herd:

- Municipal Alliance Committee meets tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. at the High School.

- Flood Committee meets Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

- Requested information on construction which affected a Boy Scout project.

Mr. Kohle:

- Parks and Recreation meeting was cancelled.
- First Aid Squad reported 765 calls for the year, a total of 19,829 member hours which included 12 members who put in over 700 hours each. The top 4 type of calls were: Fall victim – 97; Sick person – 69; stand by fire - 124; traffic accident – 50.

Mayor Winterfield:

- Recommended records for the Planning Board be reviewed to ensure members have received the required training and requested information on the Clean Communities grant.
- Historic District Commission meeting was cancelled and noted a new volunteer application for the committee has been submitted.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow night.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned if the property served by the assessment has been paying for water usage; expressed support for the individual providing support for the Fair Housing program; reviewed the status of the affordable housing compliance survey, questioned if there would be credits for Hearle Village, and objected to the appearance of a property on Newark-Pompton Turnpike.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Kohle, minutes of the November 27, 2018 and December 4, 2018 meetings were unanimously approved with Mayor Winterfield abstaining.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

- On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolution R2018-220**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Contract negotiations was unanimously adopted.

Councilwoman elect Kyle Russell joined the executive session.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 745 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- The Council was advised by the manger on a contract negotiation issue concerning risk management services and a recommendation was given and direction was given.

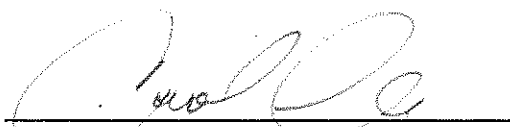
The closed session was completed at 7:52 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

Noting this would be her last meeting, Deputy Mayor Kohle thanked Mayor Winterfield for her 8 years spent in service to the Township as a member of the Council.

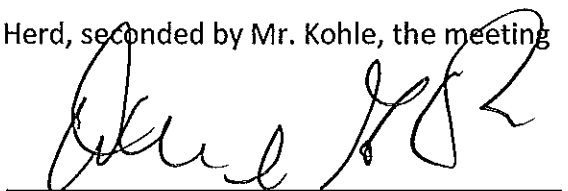
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Deputy Mayor

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