

The January 8, 2019 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 David Kohle 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 Kohle led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor David Kohle  
Deputy Mayor Ryan Herd  
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch  
Councilman Richard Phelan  
Councilwoman Kyle Russell

Absent: None

Also Attending:

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

There were 80 members of the public in attendance.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

- Lieutenant Dan Commune introduced recently retired Police Officers Patrolman Robert McCrorry and Patrolman Timothy DePuyt and thanked them for their service.
- Mayor David Kohle administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Matthew Ackerman and Geoffrey Hackler.

**REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.**

- Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair and Morris County Board of Transportation Chair, reported on the Committee's 2019 goals and welcomed newly elected Councilwoman Kyle Russell.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Donna Cetani, 117 Greenwood Avenue, Pequannock Valley Rotary Club Chair, reviewed the Rotary Club's 2018 events and organizations supported by the Club.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned if Jones Hardware was a designated historic site, requested information on the Chilton Hospital and Cedar Crest Tax Appeals, objected to the condition of a property on Newark-Pompton Turnpike, and requested status on outstanding assessments which was provided by Mr. Brewer.

**MANAGER'S REPORT.** Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, noting historic levels of ground water which may have resulted in flooding in areas of Foothills Park and reporting the 2019 budget process is underway.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS.** There were no public hearings.

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

**RESOLUTIONS.**

- **R2019-38**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department.

- **R2019-39**, authorizing purchases from the Pequannock Township Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- **R2019-40**, approving Change Order No. 6 for the Mountain Avenue Water Storage Tank and Transmission Main – Contract 2 project increasing the contract with P.M. Construction of Hillside, NJ by \$13,398.75 to a revised contract price of \$2,371,975.15.
- **R2019-41**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **January 4, 2019** Bill List and the **January 4, 2019** 2015 and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow Lists.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolutions R2019-38 through R2019-41** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.** There were no discussion items.

#### **REPORTS AND NOTICES.**

- Township of Pequannock Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing (17 Mead Place).

#### **COUNCIL REPORTS.**

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

- Flood Control Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee meets Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee will hold the first meeting of the year in February.
- Mr. Brewer has been invited to attend a Senior Citizen's luncheon next Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

##### ***Mr. Herd:***

- Historic District Commission held their first meeting of the year and reported the train station museum roof is in need of repair.
- Open Space Committee meets Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

##### ***Mr. Phelan:***

- Reported on comments from a member of the fire department regarding the taxing effect fireworks are having on the fire companies.
- Next Friday is the installation dinner for the fire companies.

##### ***Mrs. Russell:***

- Sunday's Polar Plunge was held on Sunday and was a great event. Members of the First Aid and Rescue Squad and the Fire Department were there.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee will meet on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Fireworks are scheduled for the end of June.
- A Morris County Hazardous Waste Day has been scheduled for October 19<sup>th</sup> at PV Park.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30
- The Library meets on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

##### ***Mayor Kohle:***

- Attended first Planning Board meeting as Mayor.
- First Aid Squad meets next Tuesday.
- Polar Plunge was well attended by people of all ages.
- Fair Housing Committee meeting is January 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT.**

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, questioned if water in Foothills Park could be drained into storm drains.

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

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.**

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd **Resolution R2019-42**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss litigation of tax appeals was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 7:42 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following took place:

- The Council discussed the Tax Appeal filed by the Legacy Castle and the settlement thereof.
- The Council was also updated on the general status of tax appeals in the Municipality.

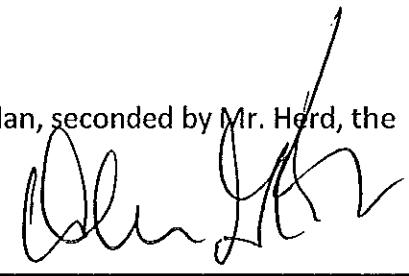
The closed session was completed at 7:56 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

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

**ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m. without objection.

  
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Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

  
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David G. Kohle, Mayor

