

The January 1, 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 108 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Acting Police Captain Dan Comune announced new police department appointments and promotions and recognized recently retired members of the police force, Detective Lieutenant Michael Fairweather and Captain Christopher DePuyt and thanked them for their service.
- Mayor David Kohle administered the Oath of Office to Police Officer Jason Chestnutt, Sergeant Steven Cicchetti, and Lieutenant Kevin Nelson.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, Morris County Board of Transportation Chair, and member of the Morris County Canal Society, reported on the Canal Society's Morris Canal feeder trail which will connect with the rail trail and Riverwalk. The next meeting of the Open Space Advisory Committee will be a joint planning meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Volunteers are needed on the 20th and 21st for inventory and maintenance of last year's tree planting along Pequannock Avenue and Riverside Drive.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Michael Vukosa, 22 Birch Road, reported on zoning violations received regarding his property. Mr. Brewer outlined Mr. Vukosa's options.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, noting agenda items, reporting work on the West Sunset Road water main extension project has not yet been completed as was previously reported, and providing status on the FEMA / FIRM map appeal.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2019-03; ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE REVISED

GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CLUB LICENSES TO FOUR.

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

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Russell, the Public Hearing was closed without objection.

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2019-04; ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

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

There were no public comments.

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

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mrs. Russell, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

PUBLIC HEARING – 2019 Open Space Levy.

Mr. Brewer described a proposed increase in the Open Space Levy.

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

Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street explained the benefit of Open Space funds in receiving grants and expressed his support for the increase in the Open Space Levy.

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2019-69**, approving the designated special event permit applications (PBA Local 172 Car Show).
- **R2019-70**, appointing individuals to serve on the Open Space Advisory Committee.
- **R2019-71**, authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Township of Pequannock and the Board of Education of Pequannock Township for vehicle maintenance and repair services.
- **R2019-72**, amending Resolution R2018-182 which confirmed assessments for the Village Area Sewer Project.
- **R2019-73**, authorizing a Temporary Emergency Appropriation for operating purposes.
- **R2019-74**, cancelling unexpended Recreation Capital Appropriation balances.

- **R2019-75**, cancelling unexpended General Capital Appropriation balances.
- **R2019-76**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **March 7, 2019** Bill List and the **March 7, 2019** 2015 and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow List.
- **R2019-77**, authorizing the execution of an agreement and accepting funds in the amount of \$60,000 from A.D.O.P.T.

Ms. Marsh stated resolution **R2019-70** has been withdrawn pending further discussion.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2019-69 and R2019-71 through R2019-77** 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. There were no reports or notices.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee invited members of the council to their Saint Patrick's Day luncheon which will be held March 19th 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The committee's next meeting is Tuesday April 2nd at 10:30 a.m.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee has a full committee of 11 members and has created subcommittees to review Business Improvement Districts, work with Chamber of Commerce on the needs of current local businesses, organize guest speakers, discuss social media, review town business and budgets. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m.
- Flood Committee did not meet in February. Their next meeting is March 14th at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Herd:

- Volunteers are needed for the annual riverbank cleanup, Saturday April 16th 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Volunteers are still needed for the Grains of Hope event on Sunday March 24th at Pequannock Valley Middle School.
- Thanked the DPW for providing firewood to residents.

Mr. Phelan:

- Commended the DPW on their work noting in particular their work during snow storms.

Mrs. Russell:

- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at Senior House.
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee is discussing ideas for increasing interest in PV Park.

Mayor Kohle:

- First Aid and Rescue Squad reported 41 calls for the Month of February. May 4th is the Casino Night fundraiser at Holy Spirit School at 6:00 p.m.
- May 4th is also the PBA car show during the day.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Michael Vukosa, 22 Birch Road, requested information on structures near the dog park, questioned if a contingency plan had been developed for the flooding and expressed support for increased activities at PV Park.

- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, questioned if there are plans for providing a dog park. Mr. Brewer explained limitations in providing an alternative dog park.


APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mrs. Russell, minutes of the February 26, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved with Mr. Phelan abstaining.

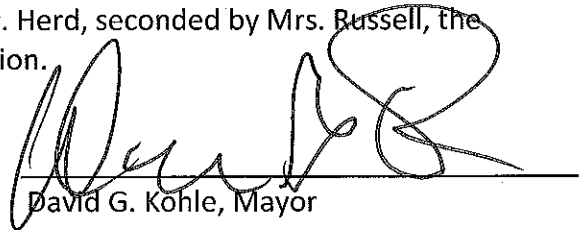
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mrs. Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Mayor