

TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK

WORKSHOP MEETING

May 13, 2008

Time & Place The minutes of the Workshop Meeting of the Pequannock Township Council, County of Morris, New Jersey, held May 13, 2008, in the Municipal Building.

Present The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. with the following present: Mayor Kapotes; Councilmen Engelbart, Jorgensen, Skvarca, Vanderhoff; Manager Boyle; Attorney Oostdyk and Township Clerk Sweeney.

Mayor Kapotes announced that requirements of Public Law c.231 have been complied with for this meeting through notice of date, time, place and proposed Agenda being posted in the Municipal Building and mailed to 5 area newspapers, including the Official Township newspaper.

Special Presentation 2008 Citizen of the Year - Mr. Lester Wolfson
Mayor Kapotes presented Mr. Wolfson with a plaque for his time and contributions to the Township.

N.Y.S. & W. Bike Path Update - Gerald Rohsler, Director of the Morris County Transportation Management.
Gave an update on the bike/pedestrian path.

T.B.S.A. Update - Commissioner Hollick & Schmidt
Spoke about several updates that will be done.

Mayor Mayor Kapotes gave a brief statement concerning Mr. Steve Petracca who serves as a member of the Board of Adjustment and Open Space. He was charged by the Denville Police with endangering the welfare of three girls who attend Morris Catholic High School. He sent improper text messages to the three students.

A statement was read by Attorney Oostdyk written by Steve Petracca that he never pleaded guilty to the charges.
He was recently enrolled in a pre-trial intervention program for first time offenders.

Attorney Oostdyk said the Council has approached Steve Petracca in resigning. In doing so the Council has expressed that this community and his family would be best served if he voluntarily gives up his Municipal Office. He has at this point declined. The Council cannot force him to resign before his expiration from office, but they can hold a public hearing. Notification in writing will be sent to Mr. Petracca that he has been charged with having engaging in conduct that lacked good judgment and maturity. Mr. Petracca will be informed of the hearing where he can be heard. Only after the Council gives him a full opportunity to respond they can decide if he should be removed from public office.

Motion by Engelbart, second by Jorgensen to hold a public hearing on May 27, 2008 to determine if his actions constitute a legal cause for removal.

Maryann Daly-Couch - 250 Boulevard - Pompton Plains
Read a statement asking for the Council for Steve Petracca's resignation. Many members of the community are outraged of his participation as a member of the Board of Adjustment and Open Space Committee. He has many character flaws and this has affected Pequannock Township's reputation. He is not the kind of citizen we would want to represent our town.

Adjournment

Motion by Vanderhoff, second by Skvarca that the meeting be closed at 9:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
NICHOLAS KAPOTES, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
DOLORES J. SWEENEY, Township Clerk

