

The March 23, 2021 meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom Webinar; Mayor Kyle Russell 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. Information on remote access was posted on the bulletin board, front door and accessible entrance of the Municipal building and on the Township's website."

Mayor Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

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

Also Attending:

Adam Brewer, Township Manager
Valerie Dolan, Township Auditor
Julie Kupilik, Township CFO
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

Absent:

Councilman Richard Phelan

There were 6 members of the public in attendance via ZOOM.

Mr. Brewer provided information on procedures for public participation in the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS.

- 2021 Municipal Budget: Mr. Brewer gave a presentation on the 2021 Municipal Budget. Township Auditor Valerie Dolan provided positive comments on the sustainability and responsibility of the budget for this year and over several successive years.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, providing information on several of the meeting agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2021-04; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 123 THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND PROHIBIT PUBLIC URINATION AND DEFECATION AND PUBLIC NUDITY**

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

There were no public comments.

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

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

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Herd, Mr. Kohle, Mayor Russell
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2021-94**, approving introduction of the 2020 Municipal Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolution R2021-94** was adopted by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Herd, Mr. Kohle, Mayor Russell
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

RESOLUTIONS (Continued).

- **R2021-95**, adopting an Extended Temporary Budget for **2021**.
- **R2021-96**, confirming the sale of public property, no longer needed for public use, located at 90 Village Road, Block 2306, Lot 20 in the Township of Pequannock.
- **R2021-97**, urging the immediate repeal of Senate Bill No. 3454 (P.L. 2021 C. 25).
- **R2021-98**, awarding a contract for the Concession Operator for the Pequannock Valley (PV) Park Lake Concession Stand to Chef Express LLC for the total contribution amount of \$1,501.00 in accordance with the Request for Quotation (RFQ).
- **R2021-99**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2021-100**, authorizing Utility Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2021-101**, authorizing release of deposits for construction in a Township Right of Way.
- **R2021-102**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **March 18, 2021 Bill List and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow List**.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch **Resolutions R2021-95 through R2021-102** were adopted by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Herd, Mr. Kohle, Mayor Russell
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Phelan.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Ordinance pertaining to zoning issues impacted by cannabis legalization.
Mr. Brewer reviewed aspects of recent state legislation regarding cannabis which may affect municipal zoning and provided an explanation of a proposed ordinance to prohibit cannabis activities in order to allow time to consider future uses.
After discussion members of the Council expressed support for the ordinance which will be listed for consideration at a future meeting.
- Meeting format.
Members of the Council recommended in-person Council meetings resume on April 13th.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch

- Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting is tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Herd:

- Congratulated Joseph White for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and noted the number of members of Troop 144 who have attained the rank.

Mr. Kohle:

- At the TBSA meeting March 10th, Mr. Kohle was appointed Chair of the Insurance and Legislative review committee.
- Fire Co. No. 2 met on March 11th. Congratulations to Rich Gerartin and Ralph Hooks for 50 years of service volunteering for Company 2.
- Shred Day is Saturday, March 27th at PV Park.

Mayor Russell:

- Congratulated Joseph White of Troop 144.
- Congratulated the couple whose marriage she recently officiated.
- The Environmental Commission is holding a Rain Barrel Zoom workshop on April 25th. Preparations are on April 17th.
- Library is planning several outdoor programs this summer.
- Mayor's Cleanup has been scheduled for October 23rd.
- Curbside brush pickup starts April 5th.
- The State of New Jersey is partnering with 68 Walmart and Sam's Club locations to offer dedicated 65 and older vaccinations. Walmart in Riverdale is participating.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

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

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

Mr. Oostdyk explained the procedure for entering closed session and stated no action would be taken following the closed session.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd **Resolution R2021-103**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 7:56 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following took place:

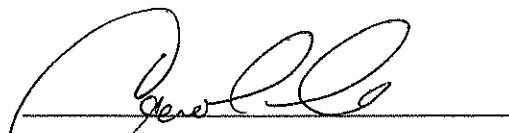
- The Council was updated on a potential property acquisition and direction was given not to proceed with the acquisition.

The closed session was completed at 8:08 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

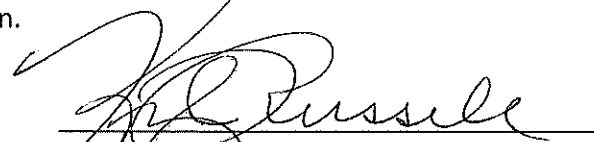
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Kyle Russell, Mayor

