

The January 12, 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
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent: None

Also Attending:

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

There were 4 members of the public in attendance via ZOOM.

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

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

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, reviewing the background of agenda items and reporting on the results of the second round of the 2020 lead and copper testing.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2021-55** granting a fence easement over a portion of Block 302 Lot 1 (aka Block 2701 Lot 7) contiguous to Block 212 Lot 2 (aka Block 2306 Lot 2 - 3 Marvin Road).
- **R2021-56**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department (Joshua Aparo).
- **R2021-57**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **January 8, 2021** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2021-55 through R2021-57** were adopted by the following vote:

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

Mrs. Florance-Lynch

- Questioned how the initial committee meetings are scheduled,
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee has scheduled their first meeting of the year for February 1st at 7:00 p.m.
- Flood Control Advisory Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on January 14th, the second Thursday of the month, at 7:30 p.m.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month, which would be January 27th at 7:30 p.m.
- The current chair of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee has asked if Senior House is open if the committee chooses to meet in February.

Mr. Herd:

- Open Space Committee held their reorganization meeting. Joe Wells is the Chairman, Frank Spizzirri is Vice Chair.
- Historic District Commission meets tonight.
- Members of the First Aid Squad received their first dose of the Covid vaccine last Friday at the grand opening of the Morris County mega vaccine site at the Rockaway mall. The squad attended a press conference held by Governor Murphy regarding a new site that will be capable of vaccinating 2,400 people a day. During the month of December the squad answered 83 calls, up from 47 calls in November. Since mid-December the squad has experienced a steady increase in patients with Covid, or suspected of having Covid. The squad announced their first new member of the year, Faith Carbone.
- Thanked all the first responders for their work.

Mr. Kohle:

- Planning Board met last night. Angelo Caputo is the new Chairman, Roger Imfeld is Vice-Chair and Gerard Fitamant is the Recording Secretary. The Board completed items from 2020, giving final approval of a 5 lot subdivision on Mountain Avenue and several signs.
- Fire Company No. 1 met last Friday. Several members have received vaccines. Congratulated new member Josh Aparo. Company 1 selected Ryan Fitzimmons as the 2021 Training Officer and as Engineer Mike Lewandowski and reviewed the problem solving chain of command, responsibilities of line officers, and 2021 goals.
- Fire Company No. 2 will meet this Thursday.
- Thanked the DPW for patching potholes on Colfax Avenue.
- Reported he has been appointed to the Chilton Community Board.

Mr. Phelan:

- No report.

Mayor. Russell:

- Planning Board met last night.
- Environmental Commission will meet tomorrow at 7:30 and the Library next week.

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.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolution R2021-58**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss the Sale of Municipal Property at 90 Village Road, Contract Negotiations for property acquisition, and Potential Litigation was unanimously adopted.

Mayor Russell stated no action would be taken following the closed session.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 7:17 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which following took place:


- There was a discussion regarding a piece of Township owned property. A decision was made to authorize the Municipal Manager to prepare a resolution for the property to be once again offered for sale to the highest bidder.
- It was brought to the Council's attention that a conversation had been started regarding acquisition of a small parcel of property that has become available. A discussion ensued and a decision was made not to pursue that acquisition.
- The Council was advised of a matter of potential litigation/mediation/arbitration involving the PBA and a contract issue and has been brought up to date and information was given.
- It was brought to the Council's attention again regarding the acquisition of property on Sunset Avenue and direction was given to the Manager to respond that the Township is not interested in the acquisition at this time.

The closed session was completed at 7:37 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

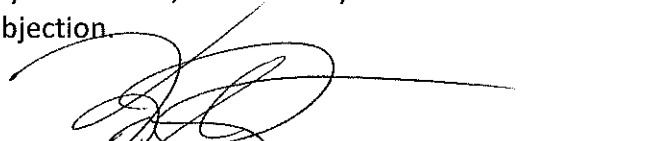
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd. the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Kyle Russell, Mayor

