

The February 9, 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 9 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.

- Paul Mahler, 29 Arundel Road, identifying himself as President of Pequannock Residents Of Pride, Equality and Leadership (PROPEL), relayed stories of bias experienced by local residents and requested information on the status of a former request to establish a Social Equity Council. Mayor Russell stated that forming a citizens group to explore issues or concerns is a great idea, noted that advisory boards address specific government functions, and wished the group well.
- Randy Shamber, 15 Van Riper Avenue, expressed support for the creation of a Social Equity Council and requested information about how such a group would be formed and have a member of the Council involved. Mr. Brewer stated a group might make a request the Council could then take under consideration.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, providing an explanation of a bill which was removed from the last meeting agenda and reviewing agenda items and on issues which may affect the implementation of the Master Plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2021-01; AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 156 AND AMEND CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK TO ESTABLISH STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2021-02; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF WILDLIFE

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2021-03; ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2021-69**, approving Change Order No. 2 for the Martin Berry House Renovation project increasing the contract with Drill Construction of West Orange, NJ by \$13,835.00 to a revised contract price of \$740,312.00.
- **R2021-70**, extending the policy allowing temporary outdoor seating for restaurants during the pandemic shutdown of retail and commercial businesses in the Township of Pequannock.
- **R2021-71**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2021-72**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **February 4, 2021** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2021-69 through R2021-72** 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.

- Boards, Committees and Commissions

Members of the Council made recommendations for appointments to committees for action at the next Council meeting.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met the first week of February. The Committee membership is full, the liaison to the Open Space Advisory Committee is Rudy Steinthal who is

also Vice Chair and Tom Andrea is Chair. The committee discussed the bicycle path project and agreed to statements made by the members of the Township Council regarding getting the project going and considering changes at a later date. The committee was advised of the status of contracts for concession providers for Parks and Rec events. The Hoedown is scheduled for Saturday, October 16th with a rain date of October 17th. There was discussion about the need for new umbrellas and other possible improvements to PV Park. The Polar Plunge group is looking for other opportunities.

- Flood Control Advisory Committee will meet this Thursday at 7:30 via Zoom.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee met and selected Joe DiFranco as Chair and Jeff Mauriello as Vice Chair. The Committee is working with the Chamber of Commerce to update the business list and members are reviewing an online program on building a business friendly community.

Mayor Herd:

- First Aid and Rescue Squad had 70 calls for the month of January. They report still treating and transporting patients with Covid-19. Members are beginning to receive their second vaccines doses and reported on the injury of a squad member while responding to a call.
- Municipal Alliance discussed the necessity for renewing Narcan kits and the procedures for applying for grants.
- Open Space Committee discussed the rail trail and access to Aquatic Park and requested information about when changes might be requested.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fire Co. No. 1 met last Friday. They are in the process of a nozzle replacement project and met with the Police Department to review dispatch procedures. Company 1 Captain Daly is working on plans to update the radio room. The goal is to transform the room into a communication command center for better accountability of fire ground operations and DFS incident expectations.
- Planning Board met a week ago for a very short meeting.

Mr. Phelan:

- No report.

Mayor Russell:

- Received a number of calls regarding good work by the DPW.
- Reported on issues with vaccine registrations.
- Troop 144 has a new Eagle Scout. Joseph White refurbished the prayer garden at the Knights of Columbus. His Honor Ceremony will on March 14th in Greenview Park.
- Library Board reported the library has extended their hours

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

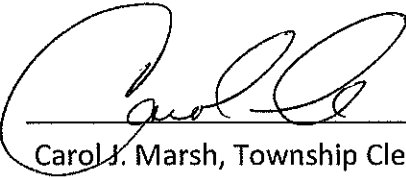
APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, minutes of the December 22nd, 2020, January 5, 2021, January 12, 2021 and January 26, 2021 meetings were unanimously approved with Mr. Phelan abstaining on the minutes of January 5, 2021.


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

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Kyle Russell, Mayor