

The March 26, 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 17 members of the public in attendance.

Mayor Kohle introduced Morris County Freeholders Douglas Cabana, Kathryn DeFillippo, and Thomas Mastrangelo who briefly reviewed Morris County issues and services relevant to Pequannock Township.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Water Quality – Raymond A. Ferrara, Ph.D.
- Dr. Ferrara presented information on issues related to the Pequannock Township Water Supply System.
- Township DPW Director Mark Struble provided information regarding local service infrastructure, and water testing protocols.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road requested information on the effectiveness of filters which was provided by Dr. Ferrara.
- Bob Morley, 4 Jacksonville Road, expressed concern about the presence of lead in public school water.
- Ronda Libson, 5913 Tudor Drive, requested information on the quality of water at the Glens and the recent increase in water rates and expressed concern about the quality of the water.
- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, questioned if the Township could provide information regarding actions which might be taken in the homes of residents.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

7A. 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET INTRODUCTION

- Presentation by the Township Manager

Mr. Brewer gave an overview of the proposed 2019 municipal budget outlining the budget process noting highlights, summarizing changes in revenues and expenditures for the current fund and utility funds, and reporting a proposed tax increase of slightly under 2 percent.

- **R2019-78**, approving introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolution R2019-78** approving introduction of the 2019 Municipal Budget was adopted by the following vote:

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

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

MANAGER'S REPORT.

Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, reporting on a recent meeting with FEMA regarding the Township's appeal of preliminary flood maps, noting solid waste/recycling containers will be placed in several locations in the Township parks, and stating the Township will be participating in a Table Top exercise sponsored by FEMA.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2019-79**, approving the designated special event permit applications (Pequannock Street Festival).
- **R2019-80**, appointing individuals to serve on the Open Space Advisory Committee.
- **R2019-81**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2019-82**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2019-83**, authorizing the acceptance of a hold harmless agreement from Adriana and Christopher Anello (Block 202, Lot 4 / 22 Foothills Drive).
- **R2019-84**, adopting an extended temporary budget for **2019**.
- **R2019-85**, authorizing submission of a grant application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Program and approving matching funds in the amount of \$86,208.00 for construction of phase 2 of the Martin Berry House rehabilitation.
- **R2019-86**, authorizing submission of an application to the Morris County Historic Preservation Trust Fund Program and approving matching funds in the amount of \$4,640.00 for construction documents for Phase III of the Martin Berry House rehabilitation
- **R2019-87**, authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Township of Pequannock and the Board of Education of Pequannock Township for landscape and field management services.
- **R2019-88**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **March 21, 2019** Bill List and the **March 21, 2019** 2015 and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow List.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2019-79 through R2019-88** 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.

- Township of Randolph: Notice of ordinance adoption: Ordinance No. #04-19: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH TO ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE MIXED USE – VMU DISTRICT AND TO REZONE SEVERAL PROPERTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MOUNT FREEDOM PLANNING STUDY UPDATE.
- Township of Randolph: Notice of ordinance adoption: Ordinance No. #04-19: AN ORDINANCE SECTIONS 15-23.2, 15-25, 15-26.2, 15-35.3 AND 15-39.5 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- Grains of Hope – the community packed over 175,000 meals at the recent event.
- Saturday is the tour of the Two Bridges Sewer Authority facilities.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee meets tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.
- Township Flood Advocate Jennifer McCulloch will host a flood information workshop for realtors and bankers on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the municipal building. The workshop is open to members of the public.
- Shred Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at PV Park.

Mr. Herd:

- Reported elevation of housing in the Village looks great.

Mr. Phelan:

- Fire Co. No. 2 met last Thursday and discussed the installation dinner which will be shared with Company 1 next year.

Mrs. Russell:

- The Library reports obtaining a new fish tank. Students from the middle school are attending the library in large numbers and need to be aware of noise levels.
- Environmental Commission: April 27th is a tree giveaway in the parking lot; April 13th is a rain barrel workshop at Greenview Park; April 6th is the Mayor's River Cleanup.

Mayor Kohle:

- Fair Housing Committee meets tomorrow evening.
- Mayor's River Cleanup is scheduled for April 6th.
- Congratulated Grains of Hope on the success of their event. Over a thousand volunteers participated.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned the amount of the increase in the proposed budget, commented on the flooding in Foothills Park and expressed skepticism that the flooding is entirely related to an increase in the water table.
- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, requested information on a recent meeting with Congresswoman Sherrill attending by representatives of Pequannock Township and other municipalities, noted progress in flood elevations, and reported the Democratic Party meeting on April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at Senior House will include a representative from a solar panel company.
- Mike Vucosa, 22 Birch Road, suggested FEMA is trying to add homes to increase revenues and put the burden of the appeal on the municipalities; asked if the cost of FEMA hearings can be recouped and questioned if a pump at Foothills Park can be reactivated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Russell, minutes of the March 12, 2019 budget meeting and the March 12, 2019 regular meeting were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Russell, Resolution **R2019-89**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations – Sewer Connection was unanimously adopted. Mr. Oostdyk stated that action may be taken following the closed session.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:26 p.m. at which time the Township Council met in Executive Session where the following took place:

- The Council discussed a request of a property owner at the Stefano's Pizzeria to connect to the Village Area Sewer System through an easement agreement. Members of the Council tentatively agreed to take action on the request following the closed session.

The closed session was completed at 8:40 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.


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

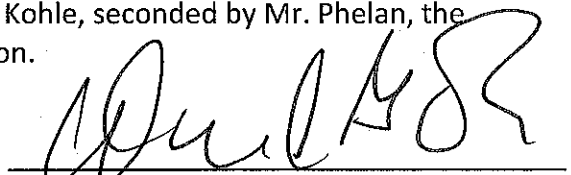
On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2019-90** authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Township of Pequannock and Ohrid Realty Assoc., LLC. was adopted by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

David G. Kohle, Mayor