

The April 12, 2022 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 Melissa Florance-Lynch presiding.

Deputy Township Clerk Michele DiRenza-Luberto 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 Florance-Lynch led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

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

Also Attending:

Adam Brewer, Township Manager
Daniel Comune, Pequannock Police Chief
Robert Brown, Pequannock Police Captain
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Michele DiRenza-Luberto, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

There were 28 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- NJ Association State Chiefs of Police—Re-Accreditation Presentation
Chief Daniel Comune reviewed the Accreditation process and introduced Harry Delgado, Accreditation Program Director for the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, who presented the Accreditation Award to Chief Comune and Captain Robert Brown.
- Mayor Florance-Lynch and the Township Council recognized April as Autism Awareness Month in the Township of Pequannock.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Janice Mangeri, Pequannock C.A.R.E.S. (Community Action Resource Education Service) reviewed recent activities of the organization.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Amelia Molinaro, 50 Third Street, objected to comments made by a member of council regarding recently enacted legislation, expressed support for including a diversity of representation in schools and provided contact information for the Trevor Project.
- John Martin, 10 Della Avenue, expressed his opinion that interrupting the public speaker violated the speaker's 1st amendment rights and requested the Council develop a policy on "civility and decorum for a more orderly public meeting."
- Andrew Kamp, 4 Banta Avenue, objected to being interrupted by a member of the council at a prior meeting, expressed concern for the lack of an official policy regarding public comments during council meetings.
- Henry Samek, 4 Misty Court, questioned if the Department of Energy has contacted Mr. Brewer regarding a "scam", recommended members of the council consider their position as

leaders before making statements, commented on various events he facilitated on behalf of the public and recommended members of the council act on behalf of the public as well.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, noting last minute revisions to the evening's agenda, providing information on questions regarding traffic control, and reviewing items on the evening's agenda.

Mr. Oostdyk reviewed issues with Ordinance No. 2022-05 and recommended the public hearing be carried to the April 26th agenda to allow for the issues to be resolved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2022-05; AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE ANY REMAINING PUBLIC RIGHTS IN A RIGHT OF WAY KNOWN AS THE "LANE" IN THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK *(carried from the March 22, 2022 meeting)*

On a motion by Mrs. Russell, seconded by Mr. Herd, the Public Hearing was carried to the April 26th meeting without objection.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2022-06; ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND PAY RATES FOR DESIGNATED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2022-86**, approving the designated special event permit application (Chamber of Commerce-Street Fair).
- **R2022-87**, supporting the submission of a request for the Community Project Funding to the Office of U.S. Senator Cory Booker for the Mitigation/Remediation of PFAS/PFOS.
- **R2022-88**, supporting the submission of a request for the Community Project Funding to the Office of Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill for the Mitigation/Remediation of PFAS/PFOS.
- **R2022-89** supporting the submission of a request for the Community Project Funding to the Office of U.S. Senator Robert Menendez for the Mitigation/Remediation of PFAS/PFOS.
- **R2022-90**, authorizing the execution of a Shared Services agreement between the Township of Pequannock and the Borough of Lincoln Park for Construction Official and Building Subcode Official Services.
- **R2022-91**, authorizing acceptance of hold harmless agreement from Michael and Nicole Kobylarz (B 3901 L 13 - 19 Hearle Drive).
- **R2022-92**, authorizing the execution of a trail easement agreement with the Phillips Edison & Company.
- **R2022-93**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **April 7, 2022 Bill List**.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Driesse, **Resolutions R2022-86 through R2022-93** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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.

Mr. Driesse

- Shade Tree Commission will be distributing seedlings on April 30th from 9 to 12 at the Municipal Building. The Commission has been accredited by the State and has requested information on adding a 7th member.
- Historic District Commission Chair is following up on what may be overlapping kiosk projects. The Railroad Museum and Martin Berry House will be open on Sunday, May 1st from 10 to 4 for the Pathways event. The Commission is planning to be in Grace Chapel for the Memorial Day event and will be present at the Street Fair and the Hoedown.
- Walked along the railroad tracks for the Mayor's River Cleanup last weekend.
- Thanked the volunteer firefighters and members of the First Aid Squad for sometimes putting their lives on the line and encouraged everyone to attend a First Aid Squad CPR class. Thanked the Pequannock Police Dispatchers and wished everyone a blessed Easter.

Mr. Herd:

- Congratulated the Pequannock Police Department for their accreditation.
- Commented on the large amount of trash collected at the Mayor's River Cleanup.
- Questioned if the Fritz Lane property would be surveyed if acquired and if material on the property next door would be an issue.
- Construction meetings on the rail trail are being held next week.
- Little League opening day is April 23rd, but some activities have already begun, and complimented the program.

Mr. Kohle:

- Fire Co. No. 1 met on April 1st. A number of issues were discussed.
- Fire Co. No. 2 will meet this Thursday.
- Next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for the 18th.
- Dedication of bench in Mountainside Park for former township employee Niles Wallace was well attended. Thanked the DPW for their work.
- Happy Easter and Happy Passover to everyone.

Mrs. Russell

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was cancelled due to technology issues.
- Environment Commission meets tomorrow.
- Library Board meets by Zoom on the 20th. Friends of the Library are having a 25th anniversary Friday, June 24th at 6:30 at the library.
- Attended the very successful C.A.R.E.S. run.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Attended two color run events at the high school sponsored by C.A.R.E.S. and the Pequannock Township High School Student Council. The events kicked off Autism Awareness Month.
- Attended the memorial bench dedication for former resident Niles Wallace on April 2nd.
- River Cleanup was successful despite weather related restrictions on accessing the river. More than 42 volunteers attended the event. Thanked Rudy Steinthal and the Environmental

Commission for organizing the event and local businesses for their contributions.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

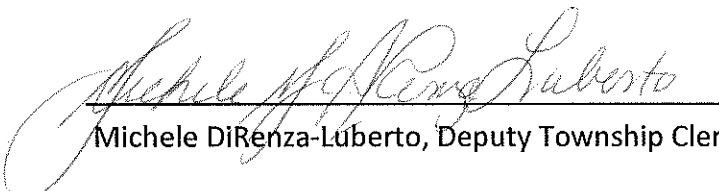
- Karen Kamp, 4 Banta Avenue, commented on a typographical error on the agenda. Requested an apology for the interruption of members of the public and recommended the council adopt bylaws for their meetings.
- Henry Samek, 4 Misty Court, requested the township look into the possibility a weir dam was installed on the property of the Legacy Castle and recommended some members of the council apologize.
- Amelia Molinaro, 50 Third Street, criticized interruptions by some members of the council during public comment at an earlier meeting.
- Peter Schmitt, 16 Manor Avenue, expressed his belief that everyone in the community “cares about all our children” and recommended bridges might be developed, and announced he is expecting to be a grandfather!

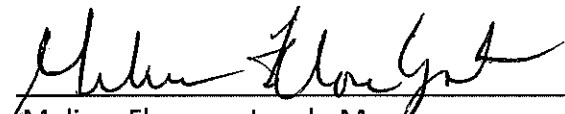
APPROVAL OF MINUTES. There were no minutes presented for approval.

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

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m. without objection.


Michele DiRenza-Luberto, Deputy Township Clerk


Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor