

The July 22, 2025 special meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room located at 530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike; Deputy 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 Special Meeting was filed in the Office of the Township Clerk; posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and on the Township website; and mailed to all persons requesting notice in accordance with Township policy. 48-hour notice of this meeting was also transmitted via fax or email to the Suburban Trends, Daily Record, and The Record newspapers. This notice included the statements that the purpose of this Special Meeting is To Introduce an ordinance AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 171; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 171 TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE and to approve the payment of bills."

Deputy 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:

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

Absent:

Mayor John Driesse
Councilman Vincent Siracusa

Also Attending:

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

There were 19 members of the public in attendance.

At the request of Deputy Mayor Russell, Township Manager Adam Brewer explained the purpose and timeline of the proposed ordinance listed for consideration on the afternoon's agenda for introduction. Mr. Brewer provided information on the content of the ordinance, noting that its adoption is required in order for the Township to remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Nick DeStefano requested clarification of any negatives of adopting the ordinance.
- Anna Lee requested information on the effect of the ordinance on existing Letters of Map Amendment and Letters of Map Revision.
- Jim Hout questioned if the ordinance would require permits where they weren't previously required, and how a new administrative position required by the ordinance would be funded.
- Rich Michaels asked if there would be an additional charge for the additional permits.

Mr. Brewer explained that, in instances where the ordinance referenced nonexistent circumstances, the ordinance would have no effect, cited additional permitting requirements as a downside of the ordinance, and suggested he would recommend a minimal fee for those additional requirements. Mr. Brewer also recommended questions regarding existing LOMAs and LOMARs be discussed with the Township's Flood Resilience Officer and noted the Township's engineer is currently designated as the Flood Plain Administrator so no additional

staff would be required.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2025-09; AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL CHAPTER 171; TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 171 TO ADOPT FLOOD HAZARD MAPS; TO DESIGNATE A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Township Manager Brewer provided additional information on the timeline for receiving state approval for the ordinance.

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

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mrs. Russell

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Siracusa, Mayor Driesse.

RESOLUTIONS.

▪ **R2025-160**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the July 16, 2025 Bills List.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolution R2025-160** was adopted by the following vote:

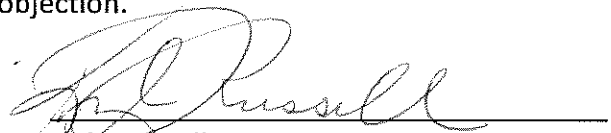
For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mrs. Russell

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Siracusa, Mayor Driesse.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no additional public comments.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the meeting was adjourned at 1:13 p.m. without objection.


Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk
Kyle Russell, Deputy Mayor