

The April 9, 2013 meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Meeting Room located at 530 Newark-Pompton Turnpike; Mayor Richard Phelan presiding.

The Township Clerk 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 mailed to all persons requesting notice and providing payment in accordance with Township policy."

Mayor Phelan led the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

ROLL CALL.

Present:

Mayor Richard Phelan
Deputy Mayor Melissa Florance Lynch
Councilman David Kohle
Councilman Jay Vanderhoff
Councilwoman Cathy Winterfield

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk
Carol J. Marsh, Deputy Township Clerk

Absent: None

There were 13 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- National Service Day was recognized.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Rocco Salluce, Fair Housing Committee Chair, reported the committee is scheduling a meeting with the Glens to discuss Fair Housing issues, and requested verification and enforcement support.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Dave Cox, 269 Sunset Road, questioned the status on the completion of Sunset Road; and reported that many street lights are out.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, requested an update on the status on the Village Area Sewer project, an explanation of the salary ordinance, and information on the proposed purchase of a vehicle for the First Aid. Mr. Salluce also requested information on the process for bidding on the proposed field improvements at Stephen J. Gerace Elementary School.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, reported he visited all ballparks at about 1:30 p.m. on Sunday with only one field in use.

PRESENTATIONS (continued).

- Freeholder Director Mastrangelo presented the 2013 Morris County budget.

PUBLIC HEARING.

Morris County Flood Mitigation Program Application

Mayor Phelan opened the public hearing on the Township's 2013 Morris County Flood Mitigation Program Application for acquisition of the following property:

Block 2701 Lot 9, 351 Route 23, Cutillo

- The Township Clerk reported that notice of the hearing was provided in accordance with the requirements of the Morris County Flood Mitigation Program.
- Township Manager Hollberg explained the background of the application.
- Mr. Vanderhoff noted that there have been numerous resolutions and appraisals on the property.
- There were no public comments presented.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the public hearing was closed and **Resolution No. R2013-75**, authorizing submission of the application to the Morris County Flood Mitigation Program, was approved by the following vote:

For: Mr. Kohle, Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Phelan.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Flood Plain Development Ordinance – Repetitive Loss (Robert Grant)
 - Robert Grant, Construction Code Official, outlined proposed changes to the flood ordinance.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-05**, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

For: Mr. Kohle, Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Phelan.
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06**, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM SALARIES AND PAY RATES FOR DESIGNATED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK FOR THE YEAR 2013

- Ordinance No. 2013-06 was held for further review.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07**, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN EMERGENCY SUPPORT VEHICLE FOR THE FIRST AID SQUAD BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, COUNTY OF MORRIS, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$180,000.00 FOR FINANCING THEREOF

- Captain Lyons of the Pequannock Township First Aid Squad provided information on the proposed purchase.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the ordinance was introduced by the following vote:

For: Mr. Kohle, Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Phelan.
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2013-71**, supporting award of Stephen J. Gerace Elementary School Field Renovations.

- Ms. Winterfield expressed reservations about the need for the field improvements and its location on elementary school property.
- Mrs. Florance-Lynch wished usage numbers were available.
- Mr. Kohle expressed his support of the proposal.
- Mr. Vanderhoff stated that although he would prefer the renovations be on Township property, this is the best available option.
- Mayor Phelan stated that he would prefer the funds be used for paving roads but believes it is important to support cooperation and joint projects with the Board of Education.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, stated that he is glad no fee will be charged by the Board of Education and requested information on how Township fees are used. Mr. Hollberg explained that Township recreation fees would apply and are deposited as revenue to the recreation utility. Mr. Salluce stated that these are tough times and some features of the proposed field are luxuries and should not be included.
- Stacey Webb, 41 Second Street, expressed concern that neighbors of the field will have to deal with the impact of greater usage, and asked if the fields would be used by outside groups during school hours.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, reminded the Council the property does not belong to the Township.
- Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway, described the proposed field improvements as a want not a need and suggested the issue be tabled.

A motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch to table **Resolution R2013-71** was defeated by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Ms. Winterfield.
Against: Mr. Kohle, Mr. Vanderhoff, Mayor Phelan. Abstain: None. Absent: None

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff, seconded by Mr. Kohle, **Resolution R2013-71** was adopted by the following vote:

For: Mr. Kohle, Mr. Vanderhoff, Mayor Phelan.
Against: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Ms. Winterfield. Abstain: None. Absent: None

- **R2013-72**, authorizing the execution of a subordination agreement with Wells Fargo Bank N. A. covering the Township mortgage on the affordable housing unit located at 2507 Wendover Drive.
- **R2013-73**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2013-74**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the **April 5, 2013 Bill List**.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2013-72 through R2013-74** were adopted by the following vote:

For: Mr. Kohle, Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Vanderhoff, Ms. Winterfield, Mayor Phelan.

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (continued).**▪ Timing and Procedures for Committee Appointments**

- The Council discussed various aspects of procedures for committee appointments. The council appointed Mayor Phelan and Ms. Winterfield to an ad-hoc committee to review committee procedures.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager David Hollberg reported the following:

- The Spring Newsletter is complete and was distributed today.
- The waiver for Construction Permit Fees associated with Hurricane Irene flood damage will end at the end of this month. Residents who have not taken out permits for flood damage should do so now so that the appropriate paperwork and inspections can be completed. A total of \$186,484 in permit fees has been waived since September, 2011.
- A poster contest organized by the Township Health Department was held in our elementary schools to coincide with poison control awareness week in March. The posters have been judged and winners from each class will be invited to attend our May 14th Council meeting to be recognized and receive a certificate.
- Joe Golden has been hired as our Township Engineer and will begin his full-time employment on May 6th.

COUNCIL REPORTS.**Mr. Kohle:**

- The Fair Housing Committee met on March 27; the committee interviewed a new buyer for one of the Fair Housing units.
- Open Space Committee: The Library property is being removed from the Recreation and Open Space Inventory.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Engine Company 2 meets on Thursday.
- The Shade Tree Commission will present a five year plan to the council in the near future.
- Engine Company 1 is getting a new floor installed as part of a 2012 capital project.
- The Planning Board meets next week to review the Chilton Hospital application.
- Reported that there is a spirit of cooperation with the Board of Education.

Ms. Winterfield:

- The Teen Advisory Committee meets on April 25 at 7:30; they are working on a coffee house.

Mayor Phelan:

- Reported that the Council received several letters concerning the geese removal operation at PV Park. Alternatives are being explored and emphasized that the geese are a health hazard.
- The Spring Fling is April 20th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Greenview Park.
- The trout fishing contest is this Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- April 15 is the continuation of the Chilton Hospital Planning Board review.
- Thanked everyone who participated in the River Cleanup.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- The Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at 7:30. The River Cleanup was a success with 30 cubic yards of debris was collected. Thanked the organizer Rudy Steintal, the 58 volunteers who participated and the sponsors: BJ's, Food Town in Wayne, The Golden China Kitchen in Pequannock, KC Bagels in Pompton Plains, My Bagel Heaven in Pequannock, Solar and more in Pompton Plains, ShopRite of Lincoln Park, and Wal-Mart.
- The Flood Committee meets Thursday at 7:30; there is a flood insurance workshop Saturday at Coverage Specialists.
- The Library Committee meets April 17th.
- The Economic Development Committee meets April 24th. Attended Morris County Economic Development session.
- The Senior Advisory Committee requested information on the Senior Picnic.
- Announced a Grand Opening of Realty Executives.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

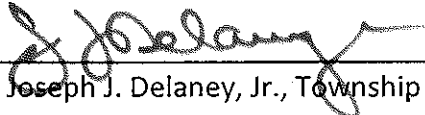
- Dave Cox, 269 Sunset Road, reported hearing complaints from residents on the condition of the roads and objected to anyone sitting on more than one committee that can approve spending money.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned the parking of sanitation vehicles, commented on flood insurance, and stated that some boards require expertise.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no executive session.

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. without objection by unanimous vote of the council.

Approved: June 25, 2013



Joseph J. Delaney, Jr., Township Clerk