

The October 14, 2014 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.

The following statement was read for inclusion in the meeting minutes:

"Pursuant to 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 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 Cathy Winterfield
Councilman David Kohle
Councilman Richard Phelan
Councilman Jay Vanderhoff

Absent: None

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Michele Levine, Customer Service

There were 42 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Historic District Commission / Friends of the Martin Berry House - Lisa Data and Dave Clougherty of the Friends of the Martin Berry House, spoke about the group's plan to preserve the house and support it in the future. Jay Wanczyk and Ed Engelbart, members both groups, expressed their support for the purchase of the house.
- Joe Giordino, 71 Hopper Avenue, stated he has lived here since 1965 and questioned if the Township has plans for Jones' Hardware.
- Martin Williams, 55 Ramapo Road, stated he is a 10th generation Berry, and expressed support for the preservation of the house.
- Nick Mathis, 2 St. Andrews Court, Flanders, NJ, commented he is 13 years old and interested in history. He has a website - Nickthehistorykid.com which helps support projects to preserve history and stated he and his father are determined to save the Martin Berry House.
- Glen Mathis, 2 St. Andrews Court, Flanders, NJ, commented on the importance of preserving historical structures for future generations and expressed his support for the preservation of the Martin Berry House.
- Ruth Spellman, 4 Barnard Place, expressed support for this project.
- Ed Engelbart, 64 Hopper Avenue, reported that Pequannock Township will celebrate 275 years in 2015.
- Joe Giordino, 71 Hopper Ave, reported the Old Milk Barn in Pompton Lakes was torn down and replaced with a car dealer which only lasted a year and expressed hope this doesn't happen again.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, reported on the clearing of an area to launch kayaks from River Road and thanked Jim Hofstetter for his assistance. The Committee is considering how to mark the boundaries of the Riverwalk.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Mr. Manish, 9 Evans Place, recommended the Council preserve the Martin Berry House, reported on a teacher named "Maitreya", a teacher for the new Aquarian age, and commented on his teachings predicting the collapse of the stock market and additional beliefs, including the principal of sharing and community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2014-28, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 307, LOT 1 (EVELYN NEUNTEUFEL)

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2014-199**, authorizing the Pequannock Township Health Department to participate in the "Gaining Ground" initiative sponsored by the New Jersey Association of County and City Health Officials (NJACCHO)
- **R2014-200**, authorizing submission of a 2015 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant application for the Reconstruction of Mountain Avenue
- **R2014-201**, approving Change Order No. 1 for the Village Area Sewer project decreasing the contract with Underground Utilities Corp. by \$27, 343.86 to a revised contract price of \$13,458,669.50
- **R2014-202**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments of cancellations
- **R2014-203**, authorizing the release of designated Escrow Deposits
- **R2014-204**, authorizing a grant agreement with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection for De-Silting and De-Snagging of the East Ditch (Grant Identifier EC14-058)
- **R2014-205**, approving payment of itemized claims as set forth on the October 9, 2014 Bill List

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, **Resolutions R2014-199 through R2014-205** were adopted by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Sunset Road resurfacing- Assessment Ordinance: Water Main Extension (West Sunset Road).
- Mr. Hollberg reviewed the long term plan for bringing Sunset Road into compliance and explained the rationale for installing a water main extension in the interim. Members of the Council recommended a draft ordinance be submitted for consideration.
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
- Members of the Council discussed options for membership appointments noting there were five individuals who expressed support for serving on the Committee.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield **Resolution R2014-206**, establishing the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and appointing committee members was adopted by the following vote:

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

Mr. Kohle agreed to serve as the Council liaison and Mr. Hollberg noted Township Health Officer Peter Correale would serve as the staff liaison.

- Community Garden Expansion.
- The Council discussed issues regarding use and maintenance of the Community Garden.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Montville Township resolution opposing Pilgrim Pipeline.
- Wayne Township notice re: Ord. 39-2014 Amending Chapter 134 (Land Development).

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

- Jefferson Road Project is underway and should take about 6 weeks to complete.
- The initial draft of the Walkable Communities Improvement Plan for the Turnpike is complete. Some additional information is needed to finalize it and there will be a formal presentation later this year.
- Our itinerant vendor ordinance allows solicitation until 10:00 p.m. Inquiries about changing it have been received and the Police Department has indicated their support for making a change to an earlier time.
- Sunset Road will be skim coated to improve the driving surface in the sewer construction area. The exact time frame has not been provided yet.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Phelan:

- No Report

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Shade Tree Commission will meet at the end of the month. There is some grant money available to address issues on specific streets.
- Fire Co. No. 1 – Beefsteak Dinner is November 21st.
- Fire Co. No. 2 - Tickets are available for the Fish and Chips Dinner on October 23rd.

- Requested information regarding Washington Park.

Ms. Winterfield

- Commended the Friends of the Martin Berry House for their work on the presentation.

Mr. Kohle:

- Open Space Committee met last night.
- Parks and Recreation met last week; the committee is considering forming an ad-hoc committee to develop recommendations for PV Park.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Library Board meets tomorrow.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, will be attending a meeting in Morris County on October 21st to request grant money; recommended the Council reinstate the .5 that was removed from the budget in order to replenish funds that might then be used for the purchase of the Martin Berry House.
- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, requested information on the status of a tax appeal.
- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, thanked Mr. Hollberg and the Department of Public Works for their work on Libby Avenue, recommended organizations provide yearly plan at the beginning of each year and questioned where expenses for property acquisition are identified in the budget.
- Mike Bertuna, 10 Beech Street, expressed support for steps, including the Walkable Communities initiative, which make streets safer for pedestrians, and commented on the proposal to build raised beds at the Community Garden.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, compared the Martin Berry House favorably to the Morgan Farm in Cedar Grove.
- Sharon Taylor recommended local businesses help educate children on crossing streets.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Vanderhoff seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2014-207**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss personnel was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:58 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed

- Personnel.

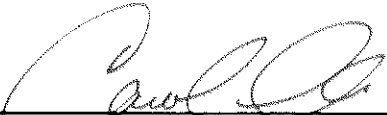
The closed session was completed at 9:17 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

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

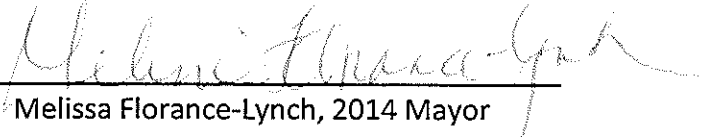
APPROVAL OF MINUTES. There were no minutes presented for approval.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Vanderhoff, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m. without objection.



Prepared August, 2018 by
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Melissa Florance-Lynch, 2014 Mayor

