

The January 26, 2016 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
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman Richard Phelan
Councilwoman Catherine Winterfield

Absent:

Deputy Mayor Jay Vanderhoff

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Christopher Tietjen, Asst. to the Twp. Manager
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 5 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Frank Spizzirri, Open Space Committee Vice Chair, distributed an updated "wish list" from the Open Space Advisory Committee.
- Louise Marchese, Flood Control Advisory Committee Recording Secretary, reported new members were sworn in, welcomed new member Robert Corrado and outlined the Committee goals for 2016.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, requested an explanation the flood insurance rates for Pequannock versus those of Lincoln Park. Mr. Hollberg provided information regarding the status of the Township's CRS rating and how insurance rates are affected.
- Thomas Hausleben, 3 Peck Ave, distributed information regarding his prior request for connection to the sewer extension. Mr. Hollberg provided information regarding the Township's policy on residential connections outside the plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2016-01, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BLOCK 2601, LOT 4 (DORIS HENNING)**

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mayor Kohle, the ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2016-46A**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2016-47**, approving issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control *Social Affair Special Permit* for Holy Spirit School.
- **R2016-48**, approving issuance of an Alcoholic Beverage Control *Social Affair Special Permit* for Pequannock Township First Aid and Rescue Squad.
- **R2016-49**, confirming the designated memberships in the Pequannock Township Fire Department (Moriarty).
- **R2016-50**, authorizing payment in the amount of \$641.22 to Alyson Steigerwalt for Accumulated Leave.
- **R2016-51**, authorizing payment in the amount of \$2,135.80 to Joan Finelli for Accumulated Leave.
- **R2016-52**, authorizing the Municipal Alliance Grant application for the fiscal year 2017.
- **R2016-53**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts by the Morris County Cooperative Purchasing Council.
- **R2016-54**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **January 22, 2016 Bill List**.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2016-46A through R2016-54** were adopted by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no discussion items.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Borough of Butler, Public Hearing Notice: Ordinance 2016-1, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 143, Land Development Ordinance

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

- Thanked the Department of Public Works for an excellent job in managing snow clearing operations, supporting our Emergency Services during the snowstorm and getting our roads cleared efficiently after the storm ended. A reminder to businesses and homeowners to keep sidewalks and fire hydrants adjacent to your property clear of snow and ice.
- The Hospital Taxation legislation was not signed by the Governor and was effectively vetoed with the end of the legislative session. It is expected that similar bills will be reintroduced early in the next session.
- A summary of funding in the local Open Space Trust Fund is as follows:

Cash Balance as of 12/31/2015	\$ 282,968.00
2016 Open Space Tax (Approximate)	145,000.00
Reimbursements due from Green Acres	246,800.00

Total Assets available in 2016	\$ 674,768.00
Potential Commitments against Open Space	
TLC Contract and Misc. Expenses	\$ 20,000.00
Martin Berry House Purchase	350,000.00
Less: MC Historic Preservation	<175,000.00>
Henning Property Purchase	391,000.00

Total Potential Commitments	586,000.00

Assets less Commitments (Est. 12/31/16 Balance)	\$ 88,700.00

COUNCIL REPORTS.**Mrs. Florance-Lynch:**

- Earlier this evening the Library Board of Trustees held a special meeting concerning the Expansion of the Children's Room.
- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Phelan:

- Thanked the First Aid Squad noting they went out on 3 calls during the blizzard.
- Commended the DPW for the job they did clearing the snow.
- February 27th is Casino Night for the First Aid Squad.
- Skate Board Park Advisory Committee met two Saturday's ago; one potential location has fallen through and others are being evaluated.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Historic District Commission meets Wednesday.

Mayor. Kohle:

- Thanked the Department of Public Works and all the first responders for their efforts during the blizzard
- Fair Housing meets this Wednesday.


PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Sharon Taylor, 19 Libby Avenue, commended the DPW and Mr. Hollberg for their work, congratulated Mayor Kohle and expressed support for the Skateboard Park.

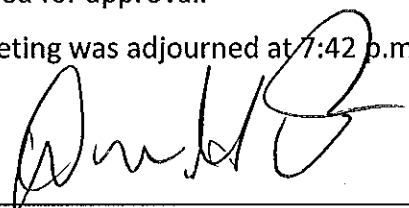
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. without objection.



 Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



 David G. Kohle, Mayor