

The December 27, 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
Deputy Mayor Jay Vanderhoff
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman Richard Phelan
Councilwoman Catherine Winterfield

Absent: None

Also Attending:

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

There were 24 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Mayor Kohle was joined by past and present members of the Township Council in presenting the 2016 Mayor's Award to Councilman Vanderhoff in recognition of Mr. Vanderhoff's twelve years of service on the Council.
- Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch presented Mr. Vanderhoff with a New Jersey Legislative Resolution on behalf of Senator O'Toole and Assemblymen Russo and Rooney.
- Mr. Hollberg presented Mr. Vanderhoff with a plaque in recognition of his years of service as Mayor, Deputy Mayor and member of the Council.
- Former Councilman Ed Englebart presented Mr. Vanderhoff with gift commemorating his service on the council.
- On behalf of the Fire Department, Rob Jones presented Mr. Vanderhoff with a jacket recognizing his 12 years as liaison to the Fire Companies.
- Members of the Council recognized Mr. Vanderhoff for his service.
- Mayor Kohle invited Mr. Vanderhoff to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2016-211**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2016-212**, authorizing Utility Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2016-213**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.

- **R2016-214**, authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the Township of Pequannock and the Board of Education of Pequannock Township for vehicle maintenance and repair services.
- **R2016-215**, approving Change Order No. 20 for the Village Area Sewer project and increasing the contract with Underground Utilities Corp. to a revised contract price of \$14,016,458.92.
- **R2016-216**, authorizing the transfer of 2016 Municipal Budget Appropriations.
- **R2016-217**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **December 22, 2016** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2016-211 through R2016-217** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Procedures – Citizen of the Year Award. At Mr. Hollberg’s suggestion, the Council requested a policy be drafted for discussion.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Borough of Mountain Lakes - Resolution supporting the efforts of municipalities opposing the Pilgrim Pipeline project.
- Borough of Chester – Resolution in support of Senate bill S-2254 and Assembly bill A-3821 which affirms the language and legislative intent of the Fair Housing Act.
- Borough of Madison joining the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders banning the sale of dogs and cats from large-scale commercial breeding facilities.
- Township of Washington - Resolution opposing the imposition of a requirement that apprenticeship programs be established by contractors who wish to bid on public contracts.

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

- A proposed Budget calendar for 2017 has been distributed. One date on the calendar previously distributed was modified.
- Twice last week water main breaks caused service to be shut off for a brief period of time. In both cases the Township used reverse 911 to notify affected homeowners.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mrs. Florance-Lynch:

- Economic Development Committee is meeting tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Requested status of the Skatepark RFP.
- Requested information on the status of the Martin Berry House.

Mr. Phelan: No Report.

Mayor Kohle: No report.

Mr. Vanderhoff:

- Thanked the Township for providing him the opportunity to serve.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Ed Engelbart, 64 Hopper Avenue, questioned the whereabouts of the blinker light at Hopper and the Boulevard.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, thanked Mr. Vanderhoff for his service and wished

everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

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

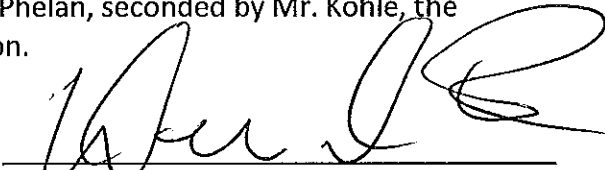
EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Mayor