

The September 12, 2017 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.

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 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 Catherine Winterfield
Councilman Ryan Herd
Councilman David Kohle
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent: None

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 36 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS. There were no reports from volunteers.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Jacqueline Espinoza, 56 Hampton House Road, introduced herself as the Jersey Central Power & Light Area Manager.
- Ed Reitz, 1 West Parkway, described the activities of a local girls' travel softball team, Pequannock Crunch, and objected to the way the Township's current policy regarding fees for the use of fields affects small volunteer organizations. The Council discussed possible updates to the policy.
- Brian Sielski, 14 Slingerland Avenue, suggested the Township consider revising the procedure for reserving field time in addition to revising the fees.
- Sam Ciresi, 5 Tunis Place, requested the Pequannock Crunch team be grandfathered in to the prior fee ordinance, and emphasized the nonprofit status of the group.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2017-14; BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING BOND ORDINANCE #2007-13, AS SUPPLEMENTED BY #2014-18, RESTATING BOND ORDINANCE #2014-18 AND PROVIDING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$5,560,000 FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,560,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the Public Hearing was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, the Public Hearing was closed without objection.

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

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2017-163**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2017-164**, authorizing the reinstatement of a special assessment installment payment plan.
- **R2017-165**, authorizing release of deposits for construction in a Township Right of Way.
- **R2017-166**, accepting sight triangle easements from Leonard DeMarco to the Township of Pequannock.
- **R2017-167**, confirming the designated membership in the Pequannock Township Fire Department (Junior Firefighter - Berkenbush).
- **R2017-168**, authorizing the execution of a Community Service Support Agreement with AHS Hospital Corporation D/B/A Chilton Medical Center.
- **R2017-169**, Council awarding a contract for the Mountain Avenue Water Storage Tank and Transmission Main – Contract 2 to P.M. Construction of Hillside, NJ for the contract amount of \$2,281,018.30 in accordance with the bid specifications.
- **R2017-170**, authorizing purchases from designated vendors awarded contracts by the H-GAC national cooperative purchasing program (Fire Apparatus).
- **R2017-171**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **September 7, 2017** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolutions R2017-163 through R2017-171** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- **ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 129 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK ENTITLED, "PARKS AND RECREATION"**

Amendments to the PV Park membership fees were discussed. Proposals included replacing family memberships with individual memberships, modifying the age threshold and cost for Senior Citizens including a reduced rate those who are income qualified, and revising the fees include half day and full day rates for profit and nonprofit groups.

- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, stated the government recognizes 62 as the age for senior citizens, recommended separate fees for seniors between 62 and 65, and stated all seniors in an age bracket should be charged equally.

Members of the Council requested a modified ordinance be relisted for further discussion.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Notice of Public Hearing: Twp of Pequannock Board of Adjustment - 65 Route 23 South, Enzo 4, LLC

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

- An updated status report has been distributed.
- Revised Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) have been issued by FEMA – material was distributed to Council members by email earlier in the day.
Mr. Hollberg explained the process by which the map revisions are appealed, and reviewed possible impacts to homeowners. Members of the Council discussed the status of the maps and possible effects on homeowners, how notification should be handled, and requested information on the outcomes of other appeals.
- Mike Bertuna, 8 Reynolds Road, reported finding the new FEMA maps online and noted his home is not in a flood zone.
- Kyle Russel, 6 Walnut Avenue, commented on the timing of notifying homeowners affected by the new maps and expressed the opinion that Spa23 is likely to continue using PV Park despite a rate increase.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Phelan:

- Will be unable to attend the Planning Board meeting on September 18th.

Mr. Herd:

- Open Space Committee met last night and requested information on a proposed property acquisition.
- Municipal Alliance meets this Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at the High School.

Ms. Winterfield:

- Questioned if the Council will evaluate the Township's Carry In Carry Out policy.
- Reported questions from residents regarding parking on Mandeville Avenue during events held at Stephen J. Gerace School.
- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow night.

Mr. Kohle:

- First Aid Squad reported 64 calls last month; the Squad dinner is November 3rd at the Brownstone; the new ambulance will be delivered toward the end of the month. The Squad requested information on the device that changes traffic lights for emergency vehicles.
- Hoedown is this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mayor Florance-Lynch:

- Reported the 9/11 service was well attended and very moving.
- Please make note of the following activities within the Township:

Saturday, September 16	Hoedown at Greenvew Park
Saturday, October 28	Household Hazardous Waste Day: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at PV Park
Saturday, November 4	Shred Day at Town Hall – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 26	Christmas Tree Lighting at Senior House
- Work has begun on the Library addition.
- Flood Committee meets this Thursday at 7:30 p

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, Flood Advisory Committee, requested confirmation the Pompton Lakes appeal of the FEMA maps was rejected, and stated the Hoedown is a family event and is an inappropriate place for residents to be informed their homes are in a flood zone.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Ave, suggested the previous Open Space Tax be reinstated in

light of so many homes being added to flood areas.

- Louise Marchese added that the increase in the number of homes in the flood areas will result in lower tax revenues.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Kohle, minutes of the following meetings were unanimously approved with Mr. Herd abstaining on all 2014 minutes and the July 25, 2017 minutes and Mayor Florance-Lynch abstaining on the August 26, 2014 minutes:

August 12, 2014

August 26, 2014

September 23, 2014

July 25, 2017

August 8, 2017

August 22, 2017

On a motion by Ms. Winterfield, seconded by Mr. Herd, **Resolution R2017-172**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:48 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- The Governing Body was advised by the Manager regarding a personnel issue.
- The Governing Body also discussed the potential litigation of several projects.

The closed session was completed at 9:07 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

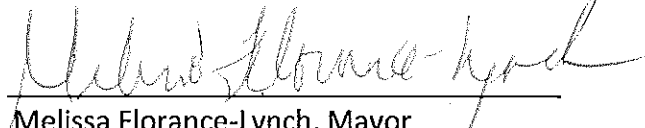
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Phelan seconded by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Melissa Florance-Lynch, Mayor