

The January 23, 2018 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 Catherine Winterfield 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 Winterfield led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor Catherine Winterfield
Deputy Mayor David Kohle
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman Ryan Herd
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent: None

Also Attending:

David Hollberg, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 17 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Rocco Salluce, Fair Housing Committee Chair, requested information on the renewal of the contract for the company providing management services to the committee.
- Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, reported the committee discussed plantings for the Riverwalk, recruitment of volunteers to assist with plantings and maintenance, and a possible donation of land at the Pia Costa tract. Mr. Wells also reported the Morris County Transportation Committee is reviewing current and anticipated impacts to transportation such as self-driving vehicles, drones and the disruption of retail activity and the agreement and schedule for the bike trail. In response to questions from Mayor Winterfield, Mr. Wells described plans for the trails at the Riverwalk.
- Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road, objected to the condition of the wooded areas in the Riverwalk. Mr. Wells and Ms. Marchese agreed to review the area.
- Tom Andrea, Environmental Commission Secretary, reported on comments the Commission submitted regarding proposed state rules on beekeeping.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned why videos are no longer broadcast on Channel 77, requested statistics on recycling tonnage, and recommended the success of the program be advertised.
- Jacqueline Espinoza, Jersey Central Power and Light, reported on the availability of LED street lighting and reviewed the financial and lighting effects of LED vs. current lighting.
- Carolyn Sussman, 18 Franklin Avenue, objected to the exterior condition of a property on her block.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2018-01, ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 185 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (WRECKERS; SERVICE RATES).

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

- Rocco Salluce, 123 Jacksonville Road requested a description of the pricing changes and the circumstances in which they apply which was provided by Mr. Hollberg.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the Public Hearing was closed without objection.

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

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

Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2018-41**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2018-42**, approving revisions to the Engine Company 2 By-Laws.
- **R2018-43**, authorizing purchases from the Pequannock Township Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- **R2018-44**, urging the Board of Public Utilities to implement regulations to require utilities which supply municipal street lighting to provide for conversion to LED street lighting and urging Jersey Central Power and Light to proactively establish a program of street lighting conversion.
- **R2018-45**, authorizing the Municipal Alliance Grant application for the fiscal year 2019.
- **R2018-46**, authorizing submission of the 2017 Recycling Tonnage Grant.
- **R2018-47**, authorizing a contract for professional services to Greener by Design for management services for the Pequannock Township Fair Housing Committee. **(Withdrawn)**
- **R2018-48**, authorizing a contract for Professional Services to Spinelli and Pinto Consulting, LLC for Open Space Services.
- **R2018-49**, authorizing a Temporary Emergency Appropriation for replacement of the heating system for the Municipal Court and Detective areas.
- **R2018-50**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **January 23, 2018** Bill List. **(Revised)**

Resolution R2018-44 was withdrawn. R2018-47 was withdrawn prior the meeting. Mr. Hollberg reviewed the effect Resolution R2018-49 would have on the 2018 budget if adopted.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2018-41 through R2018-43, Resolutions R2018-45 and R2018-46 and Resolutions R2018-48 through R2018-50** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- **Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Committee:**
Mayor Winterfield explained the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders has asked for a recommendation of an elected or appointed official of the Township of Pequannock to serve on the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Committee.

Joe Wells, Open Space Advisory Committee Chair, reported Robin Jones is available to serve on the Committee and is eligible as a member of the Pequannock Township Open Space Advisory Committee.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Kohle, Mr. Jones was recommended for appointment to the Morris County Open Space Trust Fund Committee by the following vote:

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

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

▪ Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition:

Members of the Council agreed to participate in the program and recommended applications be reviewed at a special meeting.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

▪ Township of Morris; Resolution opposing the newly proposed beekeeping rules and urges the NJ Department of Agriculture to create rules with straightforward regulations based on facts, science, and best management practices for the beekeepers and bee colonies in New Jersey.

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

- The Township has completed the purchase of 84 Pequannock Avenue and now owns contiguously all those properties from Shady Brook up to Route 23.
- Recycling rates have been distributed to the Council.
- The fishing contest is not scheduled for the same date as Little League Opening day.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Mr. Phelan:

- Will be away February 7th through the 9th.
- Both the Polar Plunge and Casino nights were very successful and a lot of fun.
- Shade Tree Commission met last night and expressed interest in developing an ordinance protecting trees in the Township right of way. Residents with Ash trees may want to consider inoculating them against the Emerald Ash Borer.

Mr. Kohle:

- Commended the Parks and Recreation department and volunteers for a great job on the Polar Plunge last Sunday. Both Fire departments, and the First Aid Squad were in attendance.
- Casino Night was a success.
- Fair Housing will meet tomorrow night.

Mr. Herd:

- Both the Polar Plunge and Casino night were very successful.
- Requested information on the schedule for construction of the bike trail.
- Flood Advisory Committee meets Thursday, February 8th at 7:30.
- Open Space Committee meets Monday, February 12th.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- Casino Night and the Polar Plunge were very popular and successful.
- Economic Development Committee will meet tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. The following Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. the Committee is holding an event with commercial realtors to discuss industry experience regarding economic development.
- This Sunday Engine Company No. 1. and the Boy Scouts are holding a pancake breakfast.
- This Saturday is a memorial service for Barbara Engelbart.

- Requested status on the Energy Aggregation presentation.

Mayor Winterfield:

- Recognized the Police and the Department of Public Works for their professionalism and courtesy at the Women's March on Sunday.
- Environmental Commission participated in a webinar on storm management. The Committee is testing a Rutgers system that verifies storm water calculations.
- The Martin Berry House ribbon cutting is May 5th at 1:00 p.m. There will be a Town Crier at the event and a wine and cheese fundraiser afterwards.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Road, questioned if the dates of the budget workshops will be available on Channel 77 and requested status of violations on a property on Newark Pompton Turnpike.
- Steve Mangeri, 17 Foothills Drive, noted the pancake breakfast is a fundraiser for a local family, stated the rail trail will be a safe place for skateboarding and questioned if projects such as replacement of the heating unit are available for public bid.
- Kyle Russel, 6 Walnut Avenue, questioned if the final skate park design is almost complete, and if the plan and estimates will be made available to the public prior to the presentation.

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

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Mr. Herd **Resolution R2018-51**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss litigation of the Cedar Crest tax appeal was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:35 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following items were discussed:

- Tax Appeals: The Council once again discussed the tax appeal Cedar Crest vs. the Township of Pequannock and a potential alteration to the settlement proposal and direction was given to the Township Manager and the Township Attorney.

The closed session was completed at 8:50 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

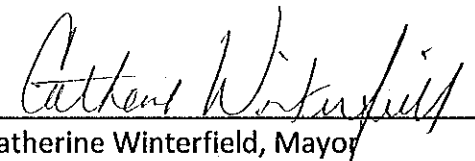
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Herd, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk


Catherine Winterfield, Mayor