

The March 27, 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 90 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Kelly Pilaar and Sophie White were recognized for earning the Girl Scout Gold Award.
- Benjamin Afflitto and John White were recognized for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Joe Wells, Open Space Committee Chair and Morris County Board of Transportation Chair, reported on the status of easements related to the rail trail and on the Pia Costa tract; invited any interested parties to volunteer at the mayor's river cleanup on April 7th and at an April 21st tree planting in the area, and reported maps of the river walk are available.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Jack Inglis, 358 Boulevard, volunteer coach for Little league and Crunch, commented that while it was not the intent, the result of a new policy on use of ball fields is to keep girls from playing on field one, and complicates the scheduling of Little League games. Mr. Inglis requested the Township work to correct the problems.
- Ed Reitz, 1 West Parkway, expressed agreement with Mr. Inglis and described some of the characteristics of softball and baseball fields as they relate to the use of the fields.
- Doug Troast, President of the Pequannock Little League, provided information on the history of use and maintenance of the fields and recommended softball be permitted on field 1 again.
- Dwight Troast, 19 Nichols Road, objected to the decision to make field one a baseball only field and commented on the maintenance policy for the field.
- Tom Andrea, 6 Elm Road, reported on the lack of attendance at a meeting where the fields were discussed and commented if the skate park supporters are successful in raising the money for the park it will be a bargain for the Township.
- Alaine Sickles, 21 Hilton Street, reported on the importance of playing on field 1 and

recommended softball games be allowed to play there.

- Dan Zahner, 8 Leeland Avenue, requested the Township not segregate fields by baseball and softball.
- Kyle Russel, 6 Walnut Avenue, submitted paperwork related to an online survey objecting to the skate park.
- Rocco Minervini, 25 May Avenue, stated that the girls who play softball are not causing the damage at field 1 and recommended they be allowed to continue using the field.
- Todd Arnold, 8 Benjamin Place, objected to the lack of amenities at field 2 where softball, which is primarily played by girls, is played and on the difficulty of attending the Parks and Recreation meetings.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-02, ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-03; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 FOR PREPARATION OF A REVISION AND CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Hollberg reviewed the purposes for which Special Emergency Appropriations may be used, described the projects to be funded through ordinances 2018-03, 2018-04 and 2018-05 and explained in this case the appropriations can be fully funded by onetime revenues received in the prior year.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-04; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 FOR ENGAGEMENT OF A SPECIAL CONSULTANT(S) FOR THE PREPARATION OF A MASTER PLAN IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-05; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION UNDER N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 FOR PREPARATION AND EXECUTION OF A

REVALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY AND AN UPDATE THERETO IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Herd, the ordinance was approved for introduction by the following vote:

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

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2018-06; ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 189 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND INCREASING THE PERMITTED DURATION FOR THE USE OF TEMPORARY STORAGE UNITS ON PROPERTIES SUBJECT TO FLOOD ELEVATION

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

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

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2018-69**, Governing Body certification of compliance with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964".
- **R2018-70**, adopting an extended 2018 Temporary Budget
- **R2018-71**, approving introduction of the 2018 Municipal Budget.
- **R2018-72**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2018-73**, authorizing purchases from the Pequannock Township Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- **R2018-74**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **March 23, 2018** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolutions R2018-69 through R2018-70 and Resolutions R2018-72 through R2018-74** were adopted by the following vote:

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2018-71** was 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.

- **R2018-**, supporting the design and location of a skate park at Washington Park:
Members of the Council discussed issues regarding a potential letter or resolution expressing support of a skate park.
- Steve Connolly, 44 Duncan Avenue, reviewed the type of information requested by potential fundraisers, questioned Mr. Phelan's position regarding support of a skate park and provided information regarding the designation of unused funds should the nonprofit raising funds for the park dissolve, and reviewed issues regarding various locations previously considered.
After discussion members of the Council agreed to state the location of a skate park as "in the Township of Pequannock" in any potential letter or resolution, to do further research, and to relist the subject at a future meeting.

- Louis Bay 2nd Future Municipal Leaders Scholarship Competition.
The Council agreed to submit the application of Jacob Mangeri to the New Jersey League of Municipalities as the finalist for Pequannock Township.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Notice of Public Hearing; Pequannock Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Block 2603 Lot 13 (4 Michael Ct)
- NJ ABC; Catering Permit No. 58324 (Shree Akshar Tiffs Restaurant LLC)

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

- The new docks for the swim lanes have been installed at PV Park.
- Regarding the FEMA Elevation Grants:
 - 20 Homeowners in the 2015 Grant are making good progress, with construction expected to begin in later April.
 - A kickoff meeting will be held for the home owners in the 2016 Grant on April 16th.
 - Although our 2017 Grant Application was recommended for funding, it was not chosen as a final award recipient by FEMA.
 - Preliminary work is underway in preparation for our 2018 application.
- Please make note of activities within the Township on these dates:

Saturday, April 7	Mayor's River Clean-up
Saturday, April 14	Township Fishing Contest
Saturday, April 21	Little League Opening Day (Parade)
Saturday, April 28	Tree Sapling Giveaway at Town Hall
	Rain Barrel Demonstration at PV Park
Saturday, May 5	First Aid Mental Health Training
Saturday, May 19	Shred Day at PV Park 9:00 – 1:00
Friday, June 29	Fireworks at High School – After Dark

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- There will be a ribbon cutting for Bellus Skin Care Company located at the corner of 1 Manor Avenue at noon on Saturday the 31st and a second for Creative Trends Studio, also on Saturday at 1 p.m. at 163 Newark Pompton Turnpike.
- Due to recent inclement weather the Library Board met last night. The Board reports Bardi's is hosting a *Friends of the Library* fundraiser April 8th to the 14th, that Federal Tax forms are available at the Library, and announced the library is now circulating mobile Wi-Fi hot spots. Mrs. Florance-Lynch thanked everyone who helped facilitate getting the library back up and running after the recent power outage, and reported the Library Director and a few employees and Board members would like to attend the Mental Health First Aid Training if there are spots available. The Friends of the Library group has scheduled the grand opening for the children's room for Sunday, May 20th at 1:00 p.m.
- Economic Development Committee meets tomorrow at 7:30.

Mr. Kohle:

- Mayor's River Cleanup is April 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Questioned the status of paving on West Sunset.

- Fair Housing Committee forms and guidelines will be updated to reflect information for 2018.
- Parks and Recreation will meet on April 2nd.
- First Aid Squad will meet on April 9th.
- Operation Smile is having a fashion show at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow night at the High School.

Mr. Herd:

- There will be a presentation on Cyber Bullying sponsored by Community Partners for Hope on Thursday April 12th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Friendship Hall.
- Questioned if newly developed porous material would be appropriate for paving the rail trail.
- The Teen Advisory Committee is holding a gathering for Teens in May.
- Grains of Hope has packed 1 million meals in the Township of Pequannock as of this year.
- Flood Control Advisory meeting is scheduled for April 12th.
- Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee is scheduled for April 3rd.
- Municipal Alliance Committee will be held on April 11th.

Mr. Phelan:

- Requested information regarding the cleanup of trees which were downed in the recent storm.

Mayor Winterfield:

- No Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Nick DeStefano, 28 Greenwood Avenue, expressed hope the homes which had been included in the 2017 FMA grant application can be included in the 2018 grant application.
- Jordan Galiano, 10 Peck Avenue, reported on positive conditions at a popular skate park he recently visited in Arizona and the positive effect on some of the patron's school work, and expressed frustration on the lack of progress on the skate park.
- Joe Wells, 5 Washington Street, expressed support for the skate park but objected to the lack of a budget limit and to the possibility of unused funds going to another community.
- Sandy LaCorte, 4 Patire Place, objected to the cost of the proposed skate park and questioned if there was enough community interest.
- Rich Lisowski, 151 Lincoln Park Road, commented on economic differences between residents in the Township, expressed his belief that interest in skateboarding is growing and support for the Washington Park location.

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

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Ms. Winterfield, **Resolution R2018-75**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 10:07 p.m.

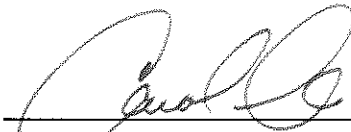
During the Executive Session the Council discussed the employment contract for the new Township Manager. The Council also discussed and received an update from the current Township Manager regarding the PBA contract negotiations.

The closed session was completed at 10:22 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

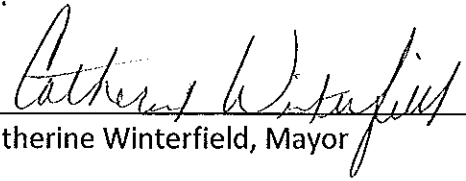
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Catherine Winterfield, Mayor