

The February 12, 2019 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 Ryan Herd
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman Richard Phelan
Councilwoman Kyle Russell

Absent: None

Also Attending:

Adam Brewer, Township Manager
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney
Julie Kupilik, Township CFO
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS.

- Dorothy Bolinsky, Esq., attorney for Cedar Crest, and Todd Delaney, Executive Director of Cedar Crest gave a brief presentation on the facility's proposal to obtain an Alcoholic Beverage Control Club License for a club to be formed of residents and employees of Cedar Crest. Ms. Bolinsky requested the Council consider increasing the number of club licenses permitted in the Township which was tentatively agreed to by the Council.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Stacy-Ann Webb, Shade Tree Commission Chair, reported the committee discussed obtaining a municipal membership in the Shade Tree Confederation, is reviewing the state law regarding tree professionals and the possibility of requiring approved professionals to display certification stickers, is planning an event for Arbor Day, and stated members of the committee will receive core training.

PUBLIC COMMENT.

- Keith Parry, 45 Ramapo Road, stated the water at PV Park "looks terrible", questioned if the appearance could be improved by having lifeguards use nets to remove debris and suggested the Township acquire additional shade umbrellas.
- Jack Snowdon, 52 Ramapo Road, objected to the Township's policy of allowing non-residents to join PV Park, and questioned the ability of gate guards to enforce rules at the park.
- Norma Snowdon, 52 Ramapo Road, expressed concern about the ability of life guards to keep order at PV Park related to allowing out of town members.
- Keith Parry asked that more grills be installed at PV Park and requested picnic tables used by camps during the week be returned to their proper place prior to the weekend.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, noting budget workshop meetings have been noticed, documentation regarding water

rates was included in the agenda package, Shred Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at PV Park and provided information regarding the Township's lack of involvement with a Calendar application available in the Township.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2019-01; ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 177 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK AND AMENDING CERTAIN PARKING REGULATIONS

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

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Herd, Mr. Phelan, Mrs. Russell, Mayor Köhle

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTION - Ordinance No. 2019-02; AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, SECTION 182.02, ENTITLED WATER CHARGES

Township Manager Brewer outlined modifications to the rates for multi-unit buildings which were added to the ordinance subsequent to the Council's last discussion of the ordinance.

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

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Herd, Mr. Phelan, Mrs. Russell, Mayor Köhle

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

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2019-51**, authorizing a contract for Professional Services to DMC Associates, Inc. for Land Surveying Services.
- **R2019-52**, authorizing an expenditure from the Pequannock Township Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- **R2019-53**, authorizing Tax Office refunds, overpayments or cancellations.
- **R2019-54**, authorizing release of designated Escrow Deposits.
- **R2019-55**, authorizing the transfer of **2018** Municipal Budget Appropriation Reserves.
- **R2019-56**, requesting the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and/or Associated Water Purveyors reduce the water level of reservoirs to create capacity for the impending wet season – spring 2019.
- **R2019-57**, supporting the creation of the Northern New Jersey Flood Mitigation Working Group.
- **R2019-58**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **February 8, 2019** Bill List and the **February 7, 2019** 2015 and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, **Resolutions R2019-51 through R2019-58** were adopted by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Herd, Mr. Phelan, Mrs. Russell, Mayor Köhle

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

- Electronic nicotine delivery systems

Morris County Prevention is Key has offered to provide the Township with signs prohibiting vaping as long as the signs are in accordance with Township's ordinances. After receiving assurance this is the case, the Council agreed to accept the signs and thanked the organization.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.

- Township of Pequannock Meeting Notice; 2019 Budget Workshop Meetings

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- Flood Control Advisory Committee will meet this Thursday, February 14th at 7:30 in the municipal building,
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee met for the first time this year. There will be a Valentine's Day luncheon on February 19th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The Township Manager will be attending and the Police Department will be giving a presentation.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee meets February 27th in the municipal building.

Mr. Herd:

- Historic District Commission requested information regarding the distribution of tee shirts announcing a local movie.
- Thanked the township for providing firewood.
- Grains of Hope is accepting volunteer registrations for their meal packing event at www.goh2019peq.evenbrite.com.

Mr. Phelan:

- Planning Board met last Monday; the Toyota/Volkswagen dealership was given an extension for parking their cars.

Mrs. Russell:

- Environmental Commission meets tomorrow at Senior House.
- Library Board will meet on February 20th
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee discussed a Ranger's report on trash at the parks; the Mayor's River Cleanup is scheduled for April 6th. The Committee also discussed the possibility of having a volunteer group construct a shade pavilion at PV Park.

Mayor Kohle:

- First Aid and Rescue Squad met last night. The squad responded to 72 calls in January.
- Recommended continuing the same procedures and representatives to the Citizen of the Year Recognition Committee.
- Noted the cost of a sign at the high school.
- The PBA Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 4th.
- Pequannock Township will be hosting the 2019 Senior Olympics on June 5th.
- With Mr. Brewer and the Mayors of the 11th Congressional district, attended a meeting on flooding at Congresswoman Sherrill's Parsippany office last Monday.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mr. Herd minutes of the December 21, 2018 and January 22, 2019 meetings were unanimously approved with Mrs. Russell abstaining on the December 21, 2018 minutes.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

- On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mrs. Russell, **Resolution R2019-59**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiation – Potential Open Space Acquisition was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 8:10 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the Council was advised of a potential property acquisition and given recommendations by the Township Manager. The Council discussed the matter and the Township Manager was given direction.

The closed session was completed at 8:17 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

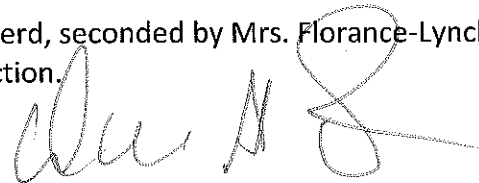
Township Attorney Oostdyk summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Herd, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



David G. Kohle, Mayor