

The March 10, 2020 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 Ryan Herd 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 Herd led the Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by a prayer and a moment of thanks for those individuals serving our nation.

Present:

Mayor Ryan Herd
Deputy Mayor Kyle Russell
Councilwoman Melissa Florance-Lynch
Councilman David Kohle
Councilman Richard Phelan

Absent: None

Also Attending:

Adam Brewer, Township Manager
David Ruitenber, Esq., Township Attorney
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

PRESENTATIONS. There were no presentations.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.

- Elaine Stapp, 749 Newark-Pompton Turnpike, on behalf of the Pequannock Township Historical Society invited the Township Council to a celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the wedding of Martin Berry and Maria Roome on April 25, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

MANAGER'S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager's report for the meeting, noting there are two ordinances on the agenda for potential adoption and resolutions authorizing contracts for the Greenview Avenue pipe replacement project and the PV Park Concession.

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SEWER MASTER PLAN.

- **R2020-85**, accepting the Township of Pequannock Sewer Master Plan Update as prepared by Crew Engineers, Inc., dated November 1, 2019.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, **Resolution R2020-85** was adopted by the following vote:

For: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mrs. Russell, Mayor Herd
Against: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2020-03; ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 152 AND 163 OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK (Sewer Ordinance).

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Florance-Lynch the Public Hearing was opened without objection

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Phelan, 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: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mrs. Russell, Mayor Herd

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

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance No. 2020-04; ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH AND PRESERVE A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

On a motion by Mrs. Russell, seconded by Mr. Kohle, the Public Hearing was opened without objection.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mrs. Russell, 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: Mrs. Florance-Lynch, Mr. Kohle, Mr. Phelan, Mrs. Russell, Mayor Herd

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

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.

RESOLUTIONS.

- **R2020-86**, awarding a contract for the Greenview Area Pipe Replacement Project to D&L Paving Contractor, Inc., for the total contract amount of \$59,658.00 in accordance with the bid specifications.
- **R2020-87**, awarding a contract for the Concession Operator for the Pequannock Valley (PV) Park Lake Concession Stand to George Leonida and Anthony Panierino (Goffle Grill), for the total contribution amount of \$1,500.00 in accordance with the Request for Quotation (RFQ).
- **R2020-88**, authorizing the settlement of a Sanitary Sewer Assessment appeal and the execution of a Consent Order for Final Judgment (363 Route 23 PP, LLC).
- **R2020-89**, authorizing the settlement of a Sanitary Sewer Assessment appeal and the execution of a Consent Order for Final Judgment (Five Twelve Turnpike Assoc., LLC).
- **R2020-90**, reducing sewer assessment balances (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Savior).
- **R2020-91**, reducing sewer assessment balances (First Reformed Dutch Church of Pompton Plains).
- **R2020-92**, confirming the designated memberships in the Pequannock Township Fire Department.
- **R2020-93**, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the **March 5, 2020** Bill List.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Russell, **Resolutions R2020-86 through R2020-93** were adopted by the following vote with Mrs. Florance-Lynch abstaining on resolution R2020-88 and Mr. Kohle abstaining on resolution R2020-91:

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

Against: None. Absent: None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. There were no discussion items.

REPORTS AND NOTICES. There were no reports or notices.

COUNCIL REPORTS.

Ms. Florance-Lynch

- Morris County Clerk Ann Grossi will be the presenter at event sponsored by the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee on March 31st from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Senior House. Topics will include Senior ID cards, passports, Veteran's Property Alert services, elections and marriage ceremonies. Reservations are required and can be made through the Parks and Recreation Department. Some County services such as issuance of passports and Senior IDs may be offered in Pequannock at a later date.
- Flood Control Advisory Committee meets this Thursday.

Mr. Kohle:

- First Aid and Rescue Squad reported a total of 28 calls for the month of February. The Squad will be participating in a number of events in the next few months: March 15th the Girl Scouts will be at the First Aid Squad. On March 22nd Girl Scouts will be attending a CPR/AED class from 9:00 a.m. to noon. March 27th is the Boy Scout's visit to the Squad. April 25th there is a sew-a-thon at the Squad building. June 2nd to the 6th is the Holy Spirit Carnival. June 7th is the Pequannock Street Fair, and June 26th is the Fireworks. Dates for the Middle School and High School graduation may change from the usual dates due to a low number of snow days this year.

Mr. Phelan:

- The cost to repair a fire truck is estimated at \$23,000.

Mrs. Russell:

- Mayor's River Cleanup is scheduled for April 4th. There is a rain barrel workshop on April 25th.
- Members of the Council attended the moving up ceremony for Girl Scouts and congratulated those who received Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

Mayor Herd:

- The Martin Berry and Maria Roome Country Dance reception is April 25, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Grace Chapel. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door.
- Congratulated Elijah Crefield, the Township's 68th Eagle Scout.
- Congratulated Emma Tucker and Amanda Pressler who received their Gold Awards and all Girl Scouts who received Bronze and Silver awards.
- The March 22nd Grains of Hope event has been postponed.
- Attended the Chilton Hospital ribbon cutting on February 27th.
- Walmart has reported they will be rolling out prescription disposal kiosks in 2020 and reminded residents there is a drop-off at the Municipal Police Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mrs. Russell, minutes of the February 25, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION.

On a motion by Mr. Phelan, seconded by Mrs. Russell, **Resolution R2020-94**, authorizing an Executive Session to discuss Contract Negotiations with the Pequannock Township Board of Education regarding the vehicle maintenance agreement was unanimously adopted.

The public portion of the meeting was recessed at 7:17 p.m. followed by the Executive Session during which the following took place:

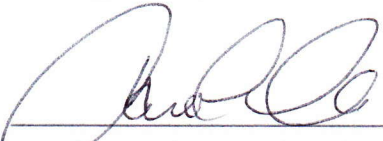
- The Council considered extending the service agreement it has with the Board of Education converting it from an annual contract to a three-year contract with 2% increases annually and direction was given to the Manager to pursue that change.

The closed session was completed at 7:20 p.m. at which time the public meeting was reconvened.

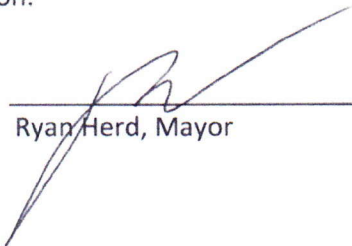
Township Attorney David Ruitenbergh summarized the Executive Session discussion. No formal action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. without objection.



Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk



Ryan Herd, Mayor