The June 23, 2020 meeting of the Township Council of the Township of Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom Webinar; 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. Information on remote access was sent via email to the Suburban Trends, Daily Record and Record newspapers and posted on the Township’s website."

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  
Robert Oostdyk, Esq., Township Attorney  
Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

Mr. Brewer reviewed the format of the Zoom meeting.

PRESENTATIONS.

REPORTS FROM VOLUNTEERS.
- Stacy Ann Webb, Shade Tree Commission Chair, reported the commission met outdoors on Post Road to inspect 3 trees. The commission determined to prune two of the trees and remove the third.

PUBLIC COMMENT. There were no public comments.

MANAGER’S REPORT. Township Manager Adam Brewer reviewed the Manager’s report for the meeting, noting the Township’s relaxation of the restrictions associated with Covid-19 is proceeding. The Police Department and Department of Public Works returned to full operations on June first. Municipal staff returned on June 15th. The municipal building will open for public walk-ins beginning on June 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Barriers have been installed for the safety of staff and the public. Masks and social distancing protocols will be in place. Mr. Brewer reported there have been 918 memberships to PV Park sold so far and thanked the staff for their work in getting the Park re-opened. The swim team will be operating on an “internal” schedule as the league is not operating. A request from a non-profit for use of the swim lanes is under consideration. The third round of lead and copper testing for the spring of 2020 was completed. 57 of the 60 samples were beneath the action level. Three samples exceeded the action level. The information has been posted on the website. A resolution concerning paving schedules is on the evening’s agenda. Mr. Brewer thanked several members of the wrestling program for their donation of 25 masks for use by the staff.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. There were no public hearings.

ORDINANCE INTRODUCTIONS. There were no ordinances presented for introduction.
RESOLUTIONS.
- R2020-139, authorizing release of deposits for construction in a Township Right of Way.
- R2020-140, authorizing Tax Office refund as a result of a tax appeal.
- R2020-141, authorizing expenditures from the Pequannock Township Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund.
- R2020-142, authorizing the 2020 Road Resurfacing Program through the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council for a Total Contract Amount of $273,594.31.
- R2020-143, authorizing the acquisition of an E55 Bobcat Compact Excavator through the Educational Services Commission of NJ Cooperative System.
- R2020-144, authorizing a professional services agreement between the Township of Pequannock and Maser Consulting for Municipal Engineering Services.
- R2020-145, approving payment of the itemized claims as set forth on the June 18, 2020 Bill List and 2016 FEMA Elevation Escrow list.

On a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mr. Phelan, Resolutions R2020-139 through R2020-145 were adopted by the following vote:

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.
- Appointments to boards, committees and commissions:
  After discussion members of the council recommended appointments for the Planning Board, Historic District Commission and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and requested they be listed for consideration on the next agenda.

REPORTS AND NOTICES.  There were no reports or notices.

COUNCIL REPORTS.
Ms. Florance-Lynch
- Flood Control Advisory Committee: Reported on the status of the Home Elevation Projects. The Committee is working on a phone app; permits were received for de-snagging of the Pompton River; bids will be opened July 15th and the contract is anticipated to be listed for consideration on July 28th. We are still awaiting the decision of the Scientific Review Panel on the map appeal. The committee will meet again on July 8th.
- Economic Development Advisory Committee will meet on June 24th.

Mr. Kohle:
- Attended the grand opening of PV Park on Saturday and complemented those involved in the opening.
- Planning Board met to consider a resolution memorializing a prior approval.

Mr. Phelan:
- Fire Co. No. 2 held a successful meeting via Zoom last Thursday.
- A new member of PV Park reported favorably on the facility.

Mrs. Russell:
- Library is equipped for pick-up as of June 15th. 15 items per family; one pickup per day. Items can be returned in the book drop. The Library can be called to schedule pick-up.
- The First Lady is sponsoring an art contest for grades 3 through 12. They will select one art work to be included in an exhibit from each of the 50 states. Applications can be found on
whitehouse.gov.
- Requested information on the Governor's Orders regarding playground re-openings.
- Reminded residents that in-person voting on July 7th will be by paper provisional ballot only.

Mayor Herd:
- Expressed appreciation for receiving de-snagging permits for the Pompton River and noted cleanup of tributaries is ongoing on a rotating schedule.
- PV Park looks beautiful and its opening is welcomed.
- Thanked Mr. Portas and the staff at the Board of Education for their work throughout the school year.

PUBLIC COMMENT.
- Frank Spizzirri, 35 West Franklin Avenue, requested information on voting at Senior House.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.
On a motion by Mr. Kohle, seconded by Mr. Phelan, minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION. There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT.
There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Florance-Lynch, seconded by Mrs. Russell, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. without objection.

Carol J. Marsh, Township Clerk

Ryan Herd, Mayor