

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 3, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor DiNardo read the following notice:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 9, 2014 and March 21, 2014 by sending written notices to the Echoes Sentinel and Courier News, posting on the Bulletin Board in the Municipal Building and filing with the Township Clerk”.

“This meeting is to be taped for broadcast on the Access Channel and everyone is required to comply with the policies and procedures governing access programming for the Access Channel. No mention of political affiliation or political advertising shall take place at this meeting or it will be deleted from any rebroadcast of the meeting.”

On call of the roll, the following Committee members were present:

Mr. Lazo
Mr. Sordillo
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor DiNardo

Also Present: Mark M. Krane, Township Administrator
Patricia A. DiRocco, Township Clerk
Jeffrey B. Lehrer, Township Attorney

Absent: Mr. Marion (arrived at 7:30 p.m.)

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2014-89, seconded by Mr. Sordillo and carried by unanimous voice vote.

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L.1975 Chapter 231 permits the exclusion of the public from meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Contract Negotiations: Castle Crown – Right of Way Agreement

WHEREAS, when and if the matters discussed become public record, this will be made known to the public at that time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Warren, that the public is excluded from this Meeting;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that formal action may be taken upon reconvening to Public Session.

The meeting convened in Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 6:55 p.m.

Mayor DiNardo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Morrison, Utility Advisory Committee, gave an update on the accomplishments of the Committee. The Committee was created as a result of all the power outages during storms. The main goal was to take control of Warren's infrastructure. The process started in September of 2013. There were five teams that surveyed the Township with phone apps that took pictures of all hazards and were documented into a database. The survey encompassed 144 miles of electric systems. There were 351 utility hazards identified: 106 wires, 29 poles and 216 tree issues. They then met with the Utility Companies. The results netted an elimination of 95% of all hazards. The plan is to have 100% of all hazards eliminated before the next hurricane season. Mr. Morrison thanked the Utility Committee and also Mark Krane, Chief Leffert and Township Committee members. The governing body commended the great work and accomplishments of the Committee.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Brownie Troop #65918 for their Wonders of Water Badge and their commitment to the environment.

Recreation Awards were presented to Ken Phillips, Lisa Carracino, the Fire Department, Fire Police, Melanie Cunha and Daniel Gallagher. They all were recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award.

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Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 14-08 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN AND WATCHUNG HILLS
WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-08.

Mr. Lehrer commended Mayor DiNardo for initiating and supporting the Wrestling Complex project. Mark Hayward, President of the Watchung Hills Wrestling Association expressed appreciation to the governing body for bringing the project to fruition.

The Public hearing was closed, as no one else wished to speak.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-08 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes of March 13, 2014 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola stated that Rory Britt, Chair of the Historic Sites Committee, is planning to enlist students for work on historic projects in the Township. She also spoke of the interest arbitration cap of 2% and its importance in keeping budgets and costs down in the Township. Mrs. Garafola thanked Mr. Sordillo for nominating Mount Bethel Village through the NJ. Business Association. This nomination resulted in the Good Neighbor Award for Mt. Bethel Village.

Mr. Sordillo noted that Safety Award from Garden State Joint Insurance Fund awarded to Warren in the amount of \$1,000.

Mr. Lazo thanked Mrs. Garafola for suggesting the idea of a Utility Advisory Committee.

Mayor DiNardo opened the Comments on Agenda Items portion of the meeting. No one wished to speak and this portion was closed

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2014-74 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2014-74 is appended to the official minutes.

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Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 14-09 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR PAINTING THE 2ND FLOOR OF THE ROBERT LAMAIRE LIBRARY BUILDING LOCATED AT 42 MOUNTAIN BLVD

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 14-09 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 14-10 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR RENOVATING THE MEN'S BATHROOM AT THE ROBERT LAMAIRE LIBRARY BUILDING LOCATED AT 42 MOUNTAIN BLVD

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mr. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-10 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 14-11 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PICKUP TRUCK WITH A PLOW TAILGATE LIFT AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 14-11 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 14-12 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SHINGLE & FLAT RUBBER ROOFS AT THE POLICE/COURT BUILDING AT 44 MOUNTAIN BLVD

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 14-12 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 14-13 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$37,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF DIGITAL VIDEO RECORDING EQUIPMENT & A PORTABLE LIGHT TOWER FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-13 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 14-14 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER XVI ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN BY DELETING SUBSECTION 16-5.34 ENTITLED "FLAG LOTS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED" AND REPLACING WITH "FLAG LOTS PROHIBITED"

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mr. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-14 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 14-15 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Marion, Ordinance No. 14-15 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marion introduced Resolution No. 2014-75 "INTRODUCTION OF 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET" and read the following:

Be It Resolved, that the statements of revenues and appropriations shall constitute the Municipal Budget for the year 2014;

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Further Resolved, that the total general appropriations are \$17,928,302.15

Further Resolved, that the amount to be raised by taxes, for support of the Municipal Budget is \$12,716,624.00

Further Resolved, that said budget will be published in the Courier News, in the issue of April 28, 2014; and

Further Resolved, that a public hearing on the 2014 Municipal Budget will be held on May 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Complex

Resolution No. 2014-75 was seconded by Mr. Lazo. The roll call vote unanimous.

Resolution No. 2014-75 is appended to the official minutes.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Resolution No. 2014-76 entitled "FILING OF 2014 MUNICIPAL BUDGET" seconded by Mr. Sordillo and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2014-76 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mr. Lazo, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions were approved, carried by unanimous roll call vote:

- 2014-77 AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF MUNICIPAL GROUNDS PERMIT FOR LIONS CLUB EXPO EVENT
- 2014-78 AUTHORIZING 2014 WARREN TOWNSHIP CAR SHOW AND SIGNING OF TOWNSHIP FACILITY USE APPLICATION
- 2014-79 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – DANIEL MORRIS
- 2014-80 AWARD OF CONTRACT - YARD DUMPSTER TO STILO EXCAVATION, INC.
- 2014-81 SUPPORTING DISTRACTED DRIVING 2014 CRACKDOWN
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- 2014-82 AMENDING 2014 TEMPORARY BUDGET

- 2014-83 REVOKING RESOLUTION # 2014-42 & AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR WEBSITE SERVICES TO MARTHA REEDER OF DOMA, LLC
- 2014-84 ENDORSING FILING OF RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE YEAR 2013
- 2014-85 APPOINTING CAROLYN SCANNELLI AS AN ALTERNATE TO THE SOMERSET COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM COMMITTEE
- 2014-86 AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2013 SOMERSET COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE
- 2014-87 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF SOMERSET TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
- 2014-88 AUTHORIZING WARREN TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT TO EXECUTE A HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT WITH FIREFIGHTERS FOR TRAINING PURPOSES AT THE MORRIS COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS TRAINING ACADEMY

Resolutions No. 2014-77 through No. 2014-88 are appended to the official minutes.

The governing body agreed to the renewal of the Wagner Farm House Leases.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, Jeff Brenner was appointed to the Library Advisory Board to fill an unexpired term, said term to expire on 12/31/15. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Marion, Susan Dealaman was appointed to the Board of Health as an Alternate #2 member for a term to expire on 12/31/15.

Mr. Sordillo spoke of a large project approved for Supported Senior Housing in the Town Center Drive area. When he was on the Planning Board last year he suggested a study to be performed by the County.

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There was a traffic study done by the County. Traffic was monitored and there were poor traffic patterns at the intersections of Mt. Horeb/Mt. Bethel Roads and Mt. Bethel/Mountain Boulevard. It was recommended that no new business with the hours of 9 am to 5 pm be considered. There was a recommendation for a study on the timing of the lights that would improve traffic flow in that area. There also was a suggestion to adding a road between Mt. Bethel and King George Road. He also referred to a recent fire at a Senior Center in Somerville. There was a problem evacuating the Seniors. The governing supported the study. Mr. Krane will ask the County to finalize the report.

Mayor DiNardo opened the Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting.

Laura Mandell, Chair of the Green Team, stated that she agrees with the results of the traffic study. Cars idling create a dirty environment. She spoke of the planned new municipal complex and asked that environmental friendly projects be done. She mentioned solar roofs and requested that if the Township would do a lead Silver building, that would be worth 20 points.

The Privilege of the Floor portion was closed.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Marion, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk