

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 23, 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 23, 2014 at 7:30 a.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. Marion
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor DiNardo

Also Present: Mark M. Krane, Township Administrator
Carolyn Scannelli, Deputy Township Clerk
Jeffrey B. Lehrer, Township Attorney

Absent: Mr. Sordillo (arrived at 7:35 a.m.)

Mayor DiNardo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 14-09 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

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

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Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-09. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-09 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 14-10 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 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 BOULEVARD

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-10. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-10 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000.00 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

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-11. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 14-11 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 14-12 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING 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

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-12. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

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

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 14-13 by title for second reading/adoption 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

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-13. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-13 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 14-15 by title for second reading/adoption 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

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-15.

Mr. Krane explained that this ordinance is the appropriations CAP, not the tax levy CAP, this is a mathematical calculation which impacts next year's budget.

No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. Marion, Ordinance No. 14-15 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, the Regular and Executive Session meeting minutes of April 3, 2014 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo stated that he received a complaint regarding unsolicited newspapers and vendor advertisements being left on residential driveways and that it accumulates to litter.

Mrs. Garafola indicated that if you call the newspaper company, they will remove your address from their delivery route.

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Mr. Krane stated that “freedom of the press” allows newspapers to be dropped off on properties. Vendor advertisement is more of a litter issue, and the Township does have a litter ordinance.

Mr. Lehrer stated that a “no drop list” ordinance can be adopted. This ordinance would permit Township residents to register that they do not wish to receive unsolicited circulars.

Mr. Lazo discussed concerns regarding residential property maintenance. He will review the residential property maintenance code and suggest some ideas for the township committee to review.

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. 2014-90 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Marion. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2014-90 is appended to the official minutes.

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

- 2014-91 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS - STREET
 OPENING PERMITS #2013-68 & #2013-72
- 2014-92 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE WARREN
 TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT –
 MICHAEL D. FOLEY
- 2014-93 SUPPORTING CLICK IT OR TICKET MOBILIZATION
 MAY 19 – JUNE 1, 2014
- 2014-94 AUTHORIZING SOFTWARE LICENSE AGREEMENT
 WITH SPATIAL DATA LOGIC INC.
- 2014-95 AUTHORIZING FIRST AMENDMENT TO
 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT SALUSTRO
 PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTS LLC REGARDING THE
 NEW MUNICIPAL ANNEX

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- 2014-96 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOUSE LEASE 202 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
- 2014-97 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOUSE LEASE 204 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
- 2014-98 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOUSE LEASE 207 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
- 2014-99 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF APARTMENT LEASE 209 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
- 2014-100 STATING OPPOSTION TO ASSEMBLY BILL A2621 "AUTHORIZES COUNTY GOVERNEMENT TO APPOINT COUNTY ASSESSOR FOR TAXES"
- 2014-101 AMENDING 2014 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Resolutions No. 2014-91 through No. 2014-101 are appended to the official minutes.

Mayor DiNardo proposed a motion on the floor to table any action regarding the use of township vehicles used by township employees, and to maintain the current policy as it exists, and to defer any potential changes as determined in the future. Mr. Marion 2nd the motion, Mr. Sordillo voted no, Mrs. Garafola and Mr. Lazo voted yes.

Acceptance of on-line credit card payments will be implemented for tax payments. This is another option for the tax payers. The fees would be paid by the user.

The Township Committee agreed to an automatic renewal by resolution to extend the agreement to the non-exclusive farming licenses as per their contract.

Mayor DiNardo discussed the revised internal plan for Wagner Farm, which includes a food serving area, multi-function room and covered porches. The structure will resemble a barn.

The Mayor and Township Committee, agreed on funding for the Master Plan & Re-examination Plan. The last re-examination was 10 years ago. Mr. Krane will ask for proposals. The cost would be spread over a five year period.

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Proposed debt service and bond sale for 2014 was approved for a 12 year schedule.

The De-snagging Grant money has been received by Union County, the lead agency. They are working on seeking additional funding as \$300,000 falls short of the projected \$1.2 million project.

The Township Engineer proposed to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Grant. He suggested realigning the intersection at Old Stirling & Reinman Roads and adding a sidewalk with regards to "Safe Routes to Schools". The Mayor and Township Committee suggested submitting a proposed drawing, as they do not want to change the rural character of that area.

The Mayor and Township Committee agreed to move forward with establishing a new Plenary Retail Distribution Liquor License.

DPW Superintendent was approached by Somerset County with a proposal to replace the salt dome. Their plan would include major reconstruction of the public works yard to accommodate a large quantity of salt. DPW Superintendent recommends replacing the roof that collapsed with a similar one which would still accommodate the County as before. All were in agreement.

In accordance with the Municipal Land Use Law, the Annual Board of Adjustment report was received by the Mayor and Township Committee Members for review.

Continuation of the Economic Incentive Waiver Ordinance for Business Owners will continue for two (2) additional years. A marketing strategy needs to be addressed, so the community is aware of this incentive.

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

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road spoke regarding the increase in the Somerset County taxes. He also, commented on the funding of the construction for the new municipal annex. Mr. Sordillo explained that the taxes collected from a new residential re-development will contribute to the bond payment for the new municipal annex.

No one else wished to speak and the Privilege portion of the meeting was closed.

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On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Marion, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk