

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 24, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 6:35 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor Garafola read the following notice:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 7, 2013 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
Mr. DiNardo
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor Sordillo

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

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2013-38, seconded by Mr. Marion 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 - PBA Contract; Police Chief Contract; Police Captain Contract; Castle Gate Estates @ Watchung LLC Redevelopment Agreement; 15 Spring Lane 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 6:35 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Sordillo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A Certificate of Congratulations was presented to Sam Cahoon in honor of his 100th birthday.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Reorganization meeting minutes of January 3, 2013 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Sordillo reported on a meeting that he and Mr. Krane attended with JCP&L and PSE&G. Good information was disseminated. JCP&L was asked if DPW could perform simple tasks during outages. This will be considered. PSE&G requested they be informed of any immediate issues that need attention, e.g., leaning poles.

Mayor Sordillo 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. 2013-28 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-28 is appended to the official minutes.

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Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 13-01 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVI ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF WARREN TOWNSHIP BY AMENDING SUBSECTION 16-6.8 TO ADD THE CENTRAL JERSEY RESOURCE CENTER AS AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGENCY

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-01 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

- 2013-29 AWARD OF CONTRACT - COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROFESSIONAL FOR WATCHUNG HILLS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE – LAURA STEELE CORBO
- 2013-30 AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF EUS CONTRACT FOR WEBSITE SERVICES - MARTHA E. REEDER OF DOMA, LLC
- 2013-31 AWARD OF CONTRACT - DENTAL INSURANCE - DELTA DENTAL
- 2013-32 AWARD OF CONTRACT - MUNICIPAL PROSECUTOR
- 2013-33 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - MASER CONSULTING, P.A. - ENGINEERING SERVICES - TENNIS COURT RENOVATIONS
- 2013-34 AMENDING 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET
- 2013-35 AUTHORIZING TRANSFERS FROM 2012 BUDGET
- 2013-36 AWARD OF CONTRACT - MCCOY PAVING AND EXCAVATING – MUNICIPAL COMPLEX ADA PATH
- 2013-37 AUTHORIZING A BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000

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Resolutions No. 2013-29 through No. 2013-37 are appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo stated that he had a discussion with Assemblyman Bramnick and Senator Kean. There is a Legislative Bill pending that would take away State aid from towns that are not doing shared services. Warren does shared services only if there is a benefit for the Township. Mr. DiNardo requested that the Legislators vote no on this proposed Bill. They both agreed.

Mr. Krane noted that there is 9,000 sq. yards of debris collected from Storm Sandy.

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

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, stated that Branchburg Township had a tax increase of 0.1%.

Stacy Beer, Reinman Road, spoke of her request to switch an affordable moderate unit at Town Center Drive to a market rate unit. Currently there are five affordable units. Two would remain low income affordable and two at moderate income. The request is being considered. She also spoke of a proposed amendment to the developer's agreement on property known as Block 71, Lot 37.0, which is currently for sale. A resolution is required and she thought it was to be acted upon at this meeting. Mr. Lehrer will discuss this issue at another time with Ms. Beer.

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

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2013-39, seconded by Mr. Marion and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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The meeting convened in Executive Session at 8:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 9:22 p.m.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mr. Marion, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk