

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 6:30 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  
Mayor Sordillo

Absent: Mrs. Garafola (arrived 6:50 p.m.)

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

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2013-40, 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:

Somerset County Park Plan; Woodland School Reverter Clause;  
WHRHS Wrestling Association Lease; Castle Gates @Watchung LLC  
Redevelopment 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 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Sordillo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the  
Reorganization meeting minutes of January 24, 2013 were approved.  
The roll call vote was unanimous.

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. 2013-41 for the  
payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was  
unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-41 is appended to the official minutes.

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

2013-42      AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FUNDING  
                 AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN PROPERTIES AT  
                 MOUNT BETHEL ROAD LLC

- 2013-43 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEED RESTRICTION WITH WHISPERING HILLS DEVELOPMENT
- 2013-44 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE SECOND MODIFICATION OF AFFORDABILITY AND OCCUPANCY CONTROLS WITH VICENDESE FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP
- 2013-45 AMENDING 2013 TEMPORARY BUDGET
- 2013-46 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,000 IN THE 2012 RESERVE BUDGET
- 2013-47 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY OEM HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR GENERATORS
- 2013-48 RESOLUTION OPPOSING A-1196 REGARDING CHANGES TO THE WORKER'S COMPENSATION LAW
- 2013-49 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO "PENNSYLVANIA PERFORMING ARTS ON TOUR RELATIVE" TO WARREN'S SUMMER CONCERT SERIES
- 2013-50 AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS RELATIVE TO THE DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH VICENDESE FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP FOR PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 71, LOT 37.01

Resolutions No. 2013-42 through No. 2013-50 are appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Resolution No. 2013-51 entitled "AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN TOWNSHIP AND WARREN PBA LOCAL NO. 235" was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-51 is appended to the official minutes.

The governing body discussed the 2013 budget. Mr. Krane explained the Levy Cap law. A cap bank can be utilized for two years. Warren

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has not raised taxes. In order to protect the Levy Cap, the Township must utilize the Cap Bank. Departmental capital projects were reviewed. The governing body will review the proposed budget and give direction to Mr. Krane. The budget will be introduced on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Lehrer asked the governing body to consider a 1990's concept regarding the development process. Developers would obtain approvals from the Sewerage Authority and the Board of Health first. The ordinance could be changed. The governing body agreed.

Mr. Krane spoke of a conservation easement located at 4 Carriage Court. The easement area is just outside the homeowner's back door. It is possible to relocate the easement area. The governing body agreed.

Mr. Krane noted a request from Mount Horeb Fire Company to vacate 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The Fire Company desires a buffer. As there have been many requests for vacation of streets in this area, the governing body is not considering any requests at this time. This may be revisited.

Mr. Krane informed the governing body that the County will be replacing the bridge/culvert on Dubois Road.

Mr. Krane spoke of a dental plan contribution for single coverage for employees not covered by a union contract. This is in addition to paying a contribution for dependent coverage.

The governing body agreed to amend the Fire Alarm ordinance.

Mr. Krane spoke of a change in email options for the Township. Currently the Township utilizes the Board of Education server. Microsoft Exchange Online Plan II will be selected.

Mr. DiNardo spoke of plans for the Wagner Farm Barn. After consideration and research, it would be better to go with the original plan of building the barn first and then consider all other uses at a later time.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Carlos Mosquera was appointed to the Sewerage Authority as a Regular Member for a term to expire on 1/31/16. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

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Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, commented that he had heard that foreclosures and tax liens in Warren are the highest in Somerset County. The governing body has not heard this at all. He requested an open space tax balance report. He was informed that he could obtain that report from the Township Clerk.

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

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mr. Marion, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC  
Township Clerk