

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 25, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor Sordillo 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
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor Sordillo

Absent: Mr. DiNardo

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

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2013-91.1, 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

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Litigation: 612 Associates Court decision

Contract Negotiations: Cooperative Housing Corp; Somerset County Park Plan

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.

The Police Department Accreditation was presented to the Chief of Police by the N.J. State Police Association. Chief Leffert stated that this was a complete Police force effort and it was a lot of hard work. A Warren Police 40th year Anniversary Certificate of Recognition was presented to the Police. The governing body commended the Police Department. Chief Leffert recognized first Police Chief Leonard Visotski and past Chiefs, Captains and Lieutenants. Former Chief Visotski thanked all for the invitation and spoke of the evolution of the Police Department in Warren Township.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 13-05 by title for second reading and read the following:

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$230,000
FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR AND BY THE
TOWNSHIP OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW
JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$218,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE
TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION**

Ms. DiRocco stated that the Supplemental Debt Statement was received by the Division of Local Government Services and approved.

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

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On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-05 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 13-06 by title for second reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$18,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PORTABLE MESSAGE BOARD, TRAILER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND OTHER APPLICABLE TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 13-06 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 13-07 by title for second reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$46,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DIESEL POWERED WOOD CHIPPER AND RELATED EQUIPMENT

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-07 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 13-08 by title for second reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$30,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE FOR PAINTING THE ROBERT LAMAIRE LIBRARY BUILDING LOCATED AT 42 MOUNTAIN BLVD

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-08 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 13-09 by title for second reading and read the following:

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AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$27,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO FUND A PORTION OF A PROJECT TO REPLACE THE FLAT ROOF ON THE ROBERT LAMAIRE LIBRARY BUILDING AT 42 MOUNTAIN BOULEVARD

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-09 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 13-10 by title for second reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$10,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO CONFERENCING EQUIPMENT FOR THE MUNICIPAL COURT

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 13-10 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 13-11 by title for second reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A STREET NAME CHANGE FROM COLONIAL CROSSING TO CENTER 78 WAY

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. Marion, Ordinance No. 13-11 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 13-12 by title for second 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

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-12 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED CONSERVATION EASEMENT BETWEEN WARREN TOWNSHIP AND DAVID XIAO AND JESSICA WAN RELATING TO 4 CARRIAGE COURT - BLOCK 86.01, LOT 27.08 ONLY

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on this ordinance. No one wished to speak and the Public Hearing was closed.

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

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Regular and Executive Session minutes of April 4, 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. 2013-92 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-92 is appended to the official minutes.

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

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION \$15,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND AND \$15,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FLAT RUBBER ROOF AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-14 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:

2013-93 RE-APPOINTING MARK M. KRANE AS TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR

2013-94 RELEASING INSPECTION FEE - BLOCK 78 LOT 19.06

2013-95 URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE TO RETAIN FUNDING IN THE STATE RECYCLING FUND IN THE FY 2014 STATE BUDGET

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2013-96 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT OF SALE FOR TOWNSHIP
SURPLUS PROPERTY KNOWN AS BLOCK 32, LOT 9.06

Resolution Nos. 2013-93 through 2013-96 are appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, Everette Pickerell was appointed to the Senior Advisory Committee for a term to expire 12/31/15 and also Wilberta Lare to the Senior Advisory Committee for a term to expire 12/31/13. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mr. Lazo, Sandra Ponzio was appointed to the Environmental Commission as an Alternate #1 for a term to expire 12/31/13. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Jeffrey Malfetti was appointed to the Business Development Committee. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Green Team Chair Laura Mandel spoke of a Low Impact Checklist for the Construction and Planning Departments. The list was compiled by the Green Team for the purpose of assisting those planning construction projects to do so in a manner that causes the least disruption to the environment, to establish a healthy setting and to reduce waste and save resources.

Mr. Krane informed the governing body that the County Library reimbursement for 2012 is \$11,857 and in 2013 will be \$22,182. As other towns use the Warren Library, this reimbursement helps offset the cost of maintenance of the Library by Warren.

The Warren Township Alternative Technology Committee had presented a proposal from Isotrope Wireless to perform a study and analysis on wireless (cell tower) coverage in the Township. The governing body agreed to have the analysis performed. Mr. Lehrer will prepare the necessary documentation for a contract.

Mr. Morrison and Ms. Weiniger, representing Warren's Utility Advisory Committee reported on meetings held to discuss power outages. There was a recommendation to improve communications with residents, to document poles that are hazardous and to better educate the community. Mayor Sordillo commended the work done by the Committee.

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

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road informed the governing body on his recent savings on his electric bill as he utilizes another provider.

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

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2013-97, seconded by Mr. Marion and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Personnel: Aboosamara vs. Warren

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The meeting convened in Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 8:50 p.m.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. Marion, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk