

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 3, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 7:09 a.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 and September 24, 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
 Jeffery B. Lehrer, Township Attorney

Mayor Sordillo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Regular and Executive Session minutes of September 12, 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. 2013-216 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Resolution No. 2013-216 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 13-19 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN BY DELETING THE POSITION OF CAPTAIN FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mr. DiNardo, Ordinance No. 13-19 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 13-20 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVI ENTITLED "ZONING" OF *THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN* BY AMENDING THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT IN STORIES REQUIREMENTS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL ZONES

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-20 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 13-21 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES AND DEVELOPMENT" OF *THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN* BY AMENDING THE NON-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEES PROVIDED UNDER SECTION 15-5.4c2

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 13-21 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Attorney Lehrer stated that an ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN BY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF LIEUTENANTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT" can be introduced at this meeting. The Ordinance No. is 13-22. This can be introduced verbally and then memorialized in writing after the meeting. Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 13-22, seconded by Mr. Lazo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

- 2013-217 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND - BOUNCE FACTORY
BLOCK 80 LOT 11
- 2013-218 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT - ELEVATOR SUBCODE THIRD PARTY
INSPECTION SERVICES TO NEW JERSEY ELEVATOR INSPECTION
AGENCY
- 2013-219 AWARD OF CONTRACT - CERTIFIED SPEEDOMETER SERVICE, INC.
FOR PORTABLE MESSAGE BOARD
- 2013-220 AWARD OF CONTRACT - SAL'S AUTO BODY INC. - COLLISION
REPAIR WORK
- 2013-221 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT - PAULUS,
SOKOLOWSKI AND SARTAR ENGINEERING, P.C. – HILLCREST
SEWER FORCE MAIN PROJECT
- 2013-222 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
IN FIRE DEPARTMENT OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
ENTITLED PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT
- 2013-223 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
IN POLICE OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED
PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT
- 2013-224 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
IN STREETS AND ROADS OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT
ENTITLED PURCHASE OF DPW EQUIPMENT
- 2013-225 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
IN FIRE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE
ACCOUNT ENTITLED PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT
- 2013-226 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
IN WAGNER FARM OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED
IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS
- 2013-227 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
IN RECREATION OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED
RESERVE FOR PARKS
- 2013-228 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE
IN HISTORIC SITES OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED
RESERVE FOR HISTORIC SITES

- 2013-229 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN OVERLAY AND DRAINAGE OE TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED RESERVE FOR OVERLAY AND DRAINAGE
- 2013-230 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT
- 2013-231 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT
- 2013-232 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT TO CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED RESERVE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- 2013-233 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN STREETS AND ROADS S&W ACCOUNT TO DEDICATED TRUST RESERVE FOR SNOW REMOVAL
- 2013-234 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN POLICE SALARIES ACCOUNT TO THE CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT ENTITLED RESERVE FOR RETIREMENT ACCOUNT
- 2013-235 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF FIREWORKS PERMIT POP WARNER ATHLETIC FIELD – BONFIRE EVENT

Resolutions No. 2013-217 through 2013-235 are appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo exhibited the floor plans for the new Municipal Annex. The governing body commended Mr. DiNardo and agreed to proceed with the next step, which is a cost analysis.

Mr. Lehrer spoke of establishing standards for tree removal in the Township. He expressed concern because no other municipalities have ever established same. He opined that this is a private issue between neighbors. A policy resolution can be passed and then attached to tree removal permits.

A safety training session for the governing body will be developed by Chief Leffert sometime in November.

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Mr. Krane explained points in the Best Practices Checklist and informed the governing body that the Checklist must be certified and sent to the State. The governing body will forward their input to Mr. Krane.

The Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting was opened.

Mr. Morrison, Briarwood Drive East, who is a member of the Utility Advisory Committee, noted that the Hazard inventory will be completed and he will report back at the next governing body meeting. Mr. Krane stated that a meeting will be held with JCP&L on October 14th. The Mayor commended Mr. Morrison and the Committee for all the accomplishments through hard work that will benefit the residents.

The Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting was closed.

Mr. DiNardo introduced and read resolution No. 2013-215.1, 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

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

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Contract Negotiations: Castle Gate Estates @ Watchung LLC 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 8:10 a.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 8:45 a.m.

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On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. DiNardo, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk