

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 13, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, November 13, 2013 at 6:14 p.m. in the Auditorium at Watchung Hills Regional High School, 108 Stirling Road, 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 October 9, 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.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 13-20 by title for second reading and adoption 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**

Ms. DiRocco stated that this Ordinance was referred to the Planning Board. At a Board meeting on October 28, 2013, the Board discussed the ordinance and determined that it is not inconsistent with any provisions of the Master Plan.

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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. 13-20 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 13-21 by title for second reading and adoption 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

Ms. DiRocco stated that this Ordinance was referred to the Planning Board. At a Board meeting on October 28, 2013, the Board discussed the ordinance and determined that it is not inconsistent with any provisions of the Master Plan.

Mayor Sordillo opened the public hearing on this Ordinance. No one wished to speak and the public hearing was closed.

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

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 13-23 by title for second reading and adoption and read the following:

ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY, APPROVING THE EXEMPTION APPLICATION AND THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT FOR TAX EXEMPTION OF 29 DUBOIS ROAD URBAN RENEWAL, LLC FOR THE FORMER KNITTING MILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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. Marion, Ordinance No. 13-23 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Regular and Executive Session minutes of October 24, 2013 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Marion and Mr. Lehrer reported on a Business Development Committee Meeting. One of the goals of the Committee is to make government more efficient to help businesses.

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. 2013-246 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-246 is appended to the official minutes.

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

- 2013-247     AWARD OF CONTRACT TO EIC INSPECTION AGENCY CORP. -  
                  PLUMBING SUBCODE THIRD PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES
  
- 2013-248     AUTHORIZING EXTENDING FOURTH QUARTER ADDED  
                  ASSESSMENT TAX BILL PAYMENT GRACE PERIOD TO NOVEMBER  
                  18, 2013
  
- 2013-249     AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,000
  
- 2013-250     APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN  
                  THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO  
                  THE WARREN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE SUM OF  
                  \$1,792.13
  
- 2013-251     AUTHORIZING A TEMPORARY ACCESS AGREEMENT WITH JCP&L  
                  TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING WORK ON TOWNSHIP  
                  OWNED PROPERTY
  
- 2013-252     RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND - STREET OPENING PERMIT  
                  #2013-26
  
- 2013-253     AMENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT TO MAGIC TOUCH  
                  CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. PLUMBING SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP  
                  OWNED/LEASED BUILDINGS & PROPERTY AWARDED BY  
                  RESOLUTION NO. 2013-165

- 2013-254 SUPPORTING GRANT APPLICATION TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR FUNDS TO DE-SNAG THE PASSAIC RIVER
- 2013-255 SUPPORTING DRIVE SOBER OR GET PULLED OVER YEAR END HOLIDAY CRACKDOWN DECEMBER 6 TO JANUARY 2, 2014
- 2013-256 PROMOTION OF POLICE OFFICERS - ERIC TASK & DAVID ZAVISTOSKI
- 2013-257 AMENDING PERSONNEL POLICY SECTION 14 AND ADDING SECTION 3 ENTITLED, "COMPENSATORY TIME FOR SWORN POLICE OFFICERS"

Resolutions 2013-247 and 2013-257 are appended to the official minutes.

Mayor Sordillo spoke of the interview process for the positions of Sergeant and Lieutenant in the Police Department. It would be prudent to have the Chief of Police streamline the process. On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mr. Lazo this procedure will be utilized. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. DiNardo spoke of the proposed new Municipal Annex. The building would be approximately 25,000 square feet. The governing body is continuing to review the plan and the cost. Mayor Sordillo noted that this will not be a tax impact. A new development project on DuBois Road will basically fund the Annex.

Mrs. Garafola stated that the incentive plan for utilizing a low impact sustainable check list should be used by businesses.

Mr. Krane noted that the Chief has recommended that the Township utilize the Somerset Ambulance Service as a back up to the current service. Rescue Squad President Paul Rapps has concurred.

Mr. Krane stated that the Township needs to submit a current list to the County of Wastewater Management Committee members. Those members would include Mrs. Garafola, Mr. Chadwick, Mr. Gallic and a member of the Sewerage Authority.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Raymond Perry was appointed to the Green Team and the Business Development Committee to 12/31/13. The roll call vote was unanimous.

The Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting was opened. No one wished to speak and this portion was closed.

Mrs. Garafola exhibited a Plaque honoring Warren as #2 in the State and #1 in Somerset County. She commended the Township and stated that it is the people in

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Warren that have made this a reality. Mr. Marion said that the beauty of the town is the residents. Mr. DiNardo thanked all the Volunteers. Mayor Sordillo stated that this is a great community and the designation was earned. Mr. Lazo stated that he is very proud of the Township and the residents.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. DiNardo, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC  
Township Clerk