

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
MAY 6, 2010**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, May 6, 2010 at 7:06 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 8, 2010 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. DiNardo  
Mr. Plager  
Mrs. Garafola  
Mayor Sordillo

Absent: Mr. Salvato

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

Mayor Sordillo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Garafola read a Certificate of Recognition honoring Suburban Speech Center and Better Hearing and Speech month.

Mr. DiNardo read a proclamation honoring Older American's Month.

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On motion of Mr. Plager, second of Mr. DiNardo, the Regular and Executive Sessions of April 15, 2010 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

The comments on agenda items portion was opened. No one wished to speak and this portion was closed.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2010-98 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Plager. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2010-98 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Plager made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 10-06 by title for introduction and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER II ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATION" SECTION 2-39 ENTITLED "REMOVAL FOR ABSENTEEISM" IS ADDED AS A CAUSE FOR REMOVAL OF ANY MEMBER OF ANY TOWNSHIP COMMISSION, STATUTORY BOARD AND APPOINTED ADVISORY BOARD.

On motion of Mr. Plager, second of Mr. DiNardo, Ordinance No. 10-06 was passed on first reading.

Mr. DiNardo made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 10-07 by title for introduction and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XV ENTITLED, "LAND USE PROCEDURES" BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF MINOR SITE PLAN IN SUBSECTION 15-1.3 AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP'S SITE PLAN AND SUBDIVISION CHECKLIST IN SECTION 15-6

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mr. Plager, Ordinance No. 10-07 was passed on first reading.

Mrs. Garafola made a motion to introduce Ordinance No. 10-08 by title for introduction and read the following:



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2010-102 AWARD OF CONTRACT SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX APPEALS

2010-103 APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATION DRAWINGS FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF MOUNTAIN VIEW ROAD PHASE III

2010-104 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH POLICE CHIEF LEFFERT

2010-105 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH WORKERS OF AMERICA COMMUNICATION

2010-106 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH 343/SEIU LOCAL 5000 FMBA (NAGE LOCAL R2-)

2010-107 AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER TO REHAB CONTRACT NO. 09-04

2010-108 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF 2011 WATCHUNG HILLS MUNICIPAL SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS ALLIANCE PROPOSAL TO THE

2010-109 REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM DLGS TO ESTABLISH A DEDICATED ACCOUNT FOR THE SALE OF GASOLINE AND DIESEL PURSUANT TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMODITY RESALE PROGRAM TRUST BY RIDER

2010-110 DEFINING CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE EMPLOYEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 2 P.L. 2010 FOR TOWNSHIP OF

2010-111 REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE DIRECTOR OF DLGS TO AMEND THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMODITY RESALE SYSTEM

2010-112 PLACE TO PLACE TRANSFER OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION

LICENSE #1820-33-003-006, T/A UPROOT  
RESTAURANT, TO EXTEND THE LICENSE  
PREMISES TO AN OUTDOOR PATIO

Resolutions No. 2010-101 through No. 2010-112 are appended to the official minutes.

Mayor Sordillo addressed the issue of the defeated High School Budget. He stated his concern and said he hopes that teachers are not fired. Good schools are very important and must be efficient. He also commented that he plans to recuse himself from voting on the local budget resolution, as his wife works for one of the schools.

Mr. Plager stated that the meetings with High School board of education were productive. The governing body wants to support the teachers. He also commented that he plans to recuse himself from voting on the local budget resolution, as his daughter-in-law teaches at one of the schools.

Mr. Krane stated that the Board of Educations does not have to abide by any budget cuts in specific areas that may be made by the governing body. They can choose to cut wherever they want.

Mrs. Garafola and Mr. DiNardo stated that there was good positive dialogue with the local board of education.

The governing body agreed to create an ad hoc committee to discuss objectives and alternatives to the DuBois Road property that has been determined to be in need of redevelopment.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mr. Plager, Doug Reeder was appointed to the Wastewater Management Planning Committee at the County. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

Mrs. Grossweiler, Grossweiler Lane stated that the voters have spoken, referring to the defeated school budgets.

Mr. Percaro, stated that he attended Board of Education meetings. The budget should not increase at all. He spoke of pay freezes, the requirement of parents paying for sports and commented that busing is expensive.

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Mr. Campione, 75 Mountain View Road, spoke of the problems with the construction of the addition at the High School. Taxpayers were shortchanged, money was wasted and there are too many Vice Principals.

Mrs. Florey, King George Road, referred to an article in the newspaper that she read. A Teacher commented to the children that senior citizens should shut up. Voters defeated the school budgets.

Mrs. DeVacchio, Geiger Lane, stated that she worked in the school system and there are too many employees.

Mr. Beck, Quill Pen Way, stated that the local budget lost by only 40 votes.

Mrs. Garafola stated that it is the newer teachers who suffer. Administrators can afford to take cuts.

Mrs. Curtiss, Briarwood West, stated that she does not want cuts that will hurt kids. The governing body stated that after they make cuts, she should go to the Board of Education to request they make cuts that won't hurt the children.

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, stated that he is a senior citizen and that he voted for the budget. The Governor started a negative campaign and that if he knew what was going to occur, he would have voted for a Democrat. The blame lies with the Governor.

Mr. Morrison, Briarwood East, thanked the governing body for the explanation of the budget process.

Mrs. Alocco, Mustang Trail, requested that programs are not cut. Teachers' salary increases are high. Pressure needs to be put on the Unions.

Mr. Drakiewicz, Gregory Lane, stated that the local budget was 2.5% less than last year.

Mrs. Pila, Rockage Road, expressed concern over High School teachers. Moral is low. Please do not cut programs.

Mrs. Rodgers, 3 Grossweiler Lane, spoke of spending by the federal government. The Governor is trying to do his best.

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Mr. DiNardo commented that the governing body is working hard for the whole community which included young and old. These are tough times.

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

Mr. DiNardo introduced and read resolution No. 2010-96, seconded by Mr. Plager 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:

Potential property acquisition – Block 198, Lots 9.09, 9.10  
Contract Negotiations – Cable re-franchise, County Library Comm.  
Attorney Client Privilege – Open Public Meetings Act

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 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Sordillo left the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 9:11 p.m.

Mr. Plager thanked Mr. Lehrer for resolving a very complex problem.

On motion of Mr. Plager, second of Mr. DiNardo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC  
Township Clerk