

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, April 16, 2015 at 6:40 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor Marion 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, 2015 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. Sordillo
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor Marion

Absent: Mr. DiNardo

Also Present: Mark M. Krane, Township Administrator
Carolyn Scannelli, Deputy Township Clerk
William Willard, Acting Township Attorney

Mr. Sordillo introduced and read resolution No. 2015-73, seconded by Mrs. Garafola 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:

Potential Land Acquisition: Open Space Plan
Potential Litigation: Affordable Housing Issues
Personnel: William Loften – Medical Leave update

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 6:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Marion led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 15-04 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PAPER STREET KNOWN AS TRENTON AVENUE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Mayor Marion opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 15-04. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 15-04 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, the Regular and Executive session meeting minutes of March 12, 2015 and Special meeting minutes of April 2, 2015 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo indicated that the 5th Annual Green Fair will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at the municipal complex.

Mr. Lazo stated that he attended the Easter Parade and Egg Hunt. Mr. Lazo thanked Recreation Director Eleanora Hermann, the Recreation

Commission and the PBA. He also commented that it was a wonderful event although; attendance was down due to spring break.

Mrs. Garafola spoke of the new library director, Lauren Ryan, stating that she will re-establish culture to the library, along with art and music programs.

Mayor Marion stated that he visited with ALT 4th graders last week. Mayor Marion also performed a ribbon cutting at a grand re-opening; the business owner is very supportive of Warren's pro-business views.

Mayor Marion opened the Comments on Agenda Items portion of the meeting.

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, inquired about the four new introduced Capital Funded ordinances. Mr. Krane explained that the purchases are funded out of the Capital Fund Balance and are not part of the current budget. Also mention was Resolution No. 83, Equitable Sharing Agreement with the United States Department of Justice and the Department of the US Treasury. Mr. Krane and Chief Keane explained that the police department was involvement in a motor vehicle stop, which yield a large amount of currency. Due to that vehicle stop, the Warren Police Department will receive a settlement from the government, which requires an endorsed agreement.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-74 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Lazo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-74 is appended to the official minutes.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 15-06 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$36,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PICKUP TRUCK WITH TAILGATE LIFT AND PLOW FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 15-06 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 15-07 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$32,000, AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PICKUP TRUCK WITH PLOW FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 15-07 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 15-08 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE UTILITY VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE POLICE

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 15-08 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 15-09 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$31,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 15-09 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 15-10 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN ACROSS A PORTION OF BLOCK 88.04 LOTS 1.01 AND 15 IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 15-10 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

- 2015-75 APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR MEMBERS TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ANTHONY BAWARSHI, ROBERT BEREHEIKO AND TRAVIS PAWELEK
- 2015-76 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – SCOTT MUIR, MICHAEL STAVAKIS & WILLIAM WALLACE
- 2015-77 AUTHORIZING REJECTION OF SMF, INC., PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE BID AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO PREPARE AND ADVERTISE NEW BID DOCUMENTATION FOR A NEW PUBLIC SALE
- 2015-78 AUTHORIZING TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL DELINQUENT PAYMENTS AND OVERPAYMENTS
- 2015-79 AUTHORIZING REIMBURSEMENT OF \$47,000 TO HILLCREST ROAD SCHEDULE A PROPERTIES, LLC FOR SANITARY SEWER ENGINEERING COSTS AND TO INCLUDE THE \$47,000 IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COST
- 2015-80 AUTHORIZING SIGNING OF MUNICIPAL GROUNDS PERMIT FOR LIONS CLUB EXPO EVENT
- 2015-81 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WATCHUNG HILLS POP WARNER FOR A DIESEL LIGHT TOWER
- 2015-82 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT - ASSESSOR SERVICES LLC FOR TAX ASSESSMENT SERVICES
- 2015-83 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE AN EQUITABLE SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. TREASURY

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2015-84 AWARD OF CONTRACT SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR TAX
 APPEAL

Resolutions No. 2015-75 through No. 2015-84 are appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Krane informed the Township Committee of funds received from Somerset County Library System regarding the offset of the 2014 library operating costs. He explained that the County does subsidize some of the cost including staffing and books. The Township, as the building owner, maintains the building, daily maintenance and utilities.

Mr. Krane stated that the Township was asked to amend the water quality management plan regarding Old Church Road subdivision. Township Attorney Jeffrey Lehrer, Township Engineer Chris Kastrud, Township Planner John Chadwick and Sewer Authority Attorney Robert Goodsell will review and advise. A resolution must be adopted and a response sent to the DEP by May 22, 2015.

As Mr. DiNardo was not at the meeting, the Township Committee elected to discuss the new municipal building when he is present.

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

Mr. Douglas Wicks, Basking Ridge, stated his concerns involving existing roofing construction and specifications at Mt. Horeb School. Mr. Krane will contact the school Superintendent and the township Construction Official and provide an answer.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli, RMC
Deputy Township Clerk