

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 28, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor Lazo 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, 2016 and January 26, 2016 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. Marion
Mr. DiNardo
Mr. Sordillo
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor Lazo

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

Mr. Sordillo introduced and read Resolution No. 2016-35, 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:

Contract Negotiations: Labor Contracts – PBA, Dispatchers and Teamsters; Block 32, Lots 9.01 and 9.05

Litigation: Affordable Housing Plan

Personnel: Ray Quast Leave of Absence

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 6:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lazo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Township Clerk DiRocco administered the Oath of Allegiance to Police Officers Christopher Cannon and Brandon Sebastian.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the Pop Warner Jr. Pee Wee Cheer Squad and the Jr. Midget Cheer Squad for winning numerous championships in 2015.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Reorganization meeting minutes of January 7, 2016 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lehrer gave an update on the Affordable Housing Issue and Litigation. Mayor Lazo stated that the governing body is working hard to protect the rural character of the Township. Mrs. Garafola commented that Warren has always been ahead of the curve since

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1984. Mr. Marion stated that the Court appointed Master is very pleased with the way Warren is handling the issue in terms of submitting its plan. Mr. Sordillo said that he is very proud to work with his proactive colleagues.

Mr. Sordillo referred to an article that he read regarding Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and a lawsuit against Dupont. PFOA is a man-made chemical used in the manufacturing of fluoropolymers, which have a wide application in common household products. A water company quality report in the Raritan System indicated that the NJDEP guidance level of PFOA was at 0.04 with the highest level detected at 0.049. Mr. Sordillo reported that the Warren Green team recommended sampling in areas of the Township. The New York Times Magazine article and the N.J. American Water Company Quality Reports were given to the Township Clerk for filing. The Township will the Board of Health.

Mrs. Garafola suggested a review of the responsibilities of the Library Advisory Board. Mr. Krane noted that the Ordinance creating the Board was passed in the 1990's and needs revising.

Mayor Lazo opened the Comments on Agenda Items portion of the meeting. No one wished to comment and this portion was closed.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2016-36 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Lazo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2016-36 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 16-01 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUMP BODY FOR A DUMP TRUCK FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 16-01 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

- 2016-37 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND ROOTOPEDIA, L.L.C. BLOCK 75 LOT 3.02
- 2016-38 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND – STREET OPENING PERMIT #2015-22
- 2016-39 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT YARD DUMPSTER TO STILO EXCAVATION, INC.
- 2016-40 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF #2 FUEL OIL THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2016-41 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF GASOLINE THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2016-42 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF WATCHUNG HILLS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FUNDING THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017
- 2016-43 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF WATCHUNG HILLS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FUNDING THROUGH SOMERSET COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR PERIOD JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017
- 2016-44 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2016 MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY
- 2016-45 AWARD OF CONTRACT EMERGENCY SERVICES SYSTEMS, INC. OUTFIT EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE VEHICLES
- 2016-46 AWARD OF CONTRACT – DENTAL INSURANCE – DELTA DENTAL
- 2016-47 AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN NJPA PURCHASING ALLIANCE

- 2016-48 AWARD OF CONTRACT – POWERCO, INC.- WHEEL
LOADER WITH CAB
- 2016-49 AWARD OF CONTRACT – REDMANN ELECTRIC CO.,
INC. AND
K. HANRAHAN ENTERPRISES, INC. - ELECTRICAL
CONTRACTOR SERVICES FOR TOWNSHIP OWNED
BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY
- 2016-50 AUTHORIZING THE CONFIRMATION OF FILING AN
APPLICATION TO THE FEMA 2015 FIRE GRANT
PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,307
- 2016-51 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$179,500
- 2016-52 AMENDING 2016 TEMPORARY BUDGET

Resolutions No. 2016-37 through No. 2016-52 are appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, Resolution No. 2016-53 entitled “AUTHORIZING PROCEDURES FOR PROMOTION TO SERGEANT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT” was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2016-53 is appended to the official minutes.

Police Chief Kean asked the governing body for their support regarding a new 911 system. The current system is over 15 years old and has failed numerous times. He recommended the purchase of the Next Generation Emergency 911 system. This system will enable the Township to serve the community more effectively. The governing body voiced their support.

Ms. Rosenfarb, Recreation Commission member gave a presentation on the establishment of a Recreation Foundation. The purpose of the Foundation would be to establish a non-profit to fundraise and obtain grants in support of recreation programs and capital projects. Mr. Krane stated that there are procurement benefits and would be good for the Township in terms of raising money. The governing body agreed.

Mr. Krane informed the governing body that a sample ordinance was obtained from Green Brook Township regarding restricting the growing

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of bamboo, as it is very invasive. Mr. Sordillo suggested that the Township include any invasive plant and not limit the ordinance to bamboo. An Ordinance will be drafted for consideration.

Mr. Krane stated that the governing body must appoint three Assessment Commissioners for the Hillcrest Road Sanitary Sewer Project. The Commissioners must be residents; however, they would not be allowed to be affected by the outcome. The responsibilities would include reviewing the project, the costs and determine the philosophy for setting the assessment to be assigned to each project. The Township Attorney will provide specific guidance to the Commissioners as well. Once decided, a formal resolution will be required for the appointments.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. DiNardo, Maryann Castronovo was appointed to the Library Advisory Board to 12/31/20. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road referred to the recent snow storm. He did not receive mail for several days. He also spoke about the Open Space Tax being utilized for Recreation purposes. Mr. Krane informed him the using funds for Recreational purposes are allowed.

Mr. Fallon, 18 Gregory Lane, commended Mr. Buro, Superintendent of DPW and the DPW employees for a great job during the recent storm. He also commented that there are many areas in town where bamboo is present.

The Privilege portion was closed, as no one else wished to speak.

Township Clerk DiRocco read the following Executive Session Resolution No. 2016-54. The resolution was introduced by Mrs. Garafola, seconded by Mr. Sordillo and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Sordillo introduced and read Resolution No. 2016-54, seconded by Mr. Marion and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Contract Negotiations: Contract Amendment – Salustro Architects

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The meeting convened in Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 8:51 p.m.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. DiNardo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk