

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
APRIL 14, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:30 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 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. Sordillo
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor Lazo

Absent: Mr. Marion

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

Mayor Lazo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Township Clerk DiRocco read the following Executive Session Resolution No. 2016-86. The resolution was introduced by Mrs. Garafola, seconded by Mr. Sordillo and carried by unanimous voice vote.

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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:

Litigation: Affordable Housing
Contract Negotiations: Labor Contracts - Dispatchers
Personnel: Sgt. Cline and Officer Foley 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 6:30 p.m.

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

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 16-05 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPACT EXCAVATOR WITH HYDRAULIC THUMB AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mayor Lazo 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. 16-05 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 16-06 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$15,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND INSTALLATION OF CARPETING IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Lazo 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. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 16-06 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 16-07 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNIT AT 127 TOWN CENTER DRIVE – BLOCK 74 LOT 5.23

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

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 16-07 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 16-08 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VII ENTITLED "TRAFFIC" OF THE *REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN* TO ADD SECTION 7-66 TO BE ENTITLED "TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE PROMENADE" AT WARREN

Mayor Lazo 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. 16-08 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 16-09 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14

Mayor Lazo 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. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 16-09 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 16-10 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A UTILITY EASEMENT TO MARTINSVILLE ROAD REALTY II, LLC ACROSS A PORTION OF TOWNSHIP OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 11 LOT 2

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

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 16-10 was adopted. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. DiNardo	Abstain
Mr. Sordillo	Yes
Mr. Garafola	Yes
Mayor Lazo	Yes

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Marion, the Regular and Executive session meeting minutes of March 24, 2016 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Lazo 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. 2016-87 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Sordillo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2016-87 is appended to the official minutes.

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

- 2016-88 AWARD OF CONTRACT – NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT

- 2016-89 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS UNION LOCAL 102 FOR YEARS 2015-2018

- 2016-90 AUTHORIZING PUBLIC AUCTION OF TOWNSHIP VEHICLES

- 2016-91 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH WARREN BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INC. TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN LED LIGHTING - MUNICIPAL FIELDS BATTING CAGE AREA

Resolutions No. 2016-88 through No. 2016-91 are appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Sordillo made a motion to authorize the sum of \$2,000 to join the Municipal Consortium relative to the Affordable Housing litigation and the sum of \$1,500 to join the Vicinage 13 Consortium. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Garafola and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Gillenwater, Chair of the Open Space Advisory Committee, made a presentation regarding new signage for trails, parks and ball fields in the Township. Signs would have activity icon boards. He distributed a drawing of the proposed signs. The governing body commended the Committee. On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the governing body approved the commencement of the project for eight signs. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Krane informed the governing body of the Green Team's request for support of Senate Bill No. 981 regarding changes to the Electronic Waste Management Act. The cost to dispose of electronic waste is very high. One of the positives of this bill would be cost savings to

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local government operators of collection centers. The governing body was in favor of supporting this legislation. A resolution for next meeting will be prepared.

Mr. Krane spoke of the need to file Historic Sites Grants for the Kirch Ford House and the Mount Bethel Meeting House. The governing body agreed.

Mr. Lehrer gave an update on the Affordable Housing litigation. Judge Miller has extended immunity through the end of October for Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren Counties. The Court appointed Number's Master Mr. Reading will issue a report. There will be a trial sometime in October.

Mr. Krane asked the governing body to submit names to serve as Assessment Commissioners for the Hillcrest Sewer project. The governing body will provide names by the next meeting.

Mr. Lehrer stated that the Sign Ordinance needs further review. He will report back to the governing body.

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

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, complained about the pot holes on Dock Watch Hollow Road. There is a mile stretch that has too many patches. He stated that this road was repaved not long ago. Mr. Krane said that the quality of pavement materials is not as good as in the past. The useful life is much shorter. He noted that all roads are being investigated and evaluated. The lower roads are in worse shape due to water run-off.

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

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. DiNardo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk