

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 17, 2017**

Clerk Reese read the following statement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 5, 2017 and August 3, 2017 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.

Mayor Garafola called the meeting to order at 7:05 AM.

All presented recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Garafola, Deputy Mayor Sordillo, Committeeman Lazo and Committeeman Marion were present. Committeeman DiNardo was absent, but excused.

Also present: Atty. Jeffrey Lehrer, Administrator Mark Krane, Township Planner, John Chadwick and Clerk Reese.

PRESENTATION

Lt. Anthony Coleman of the NJ State Police - Discussed the Townships' concerns about the recent traffic activity on Interstate-78.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committeeman Sordillo made a motion, Seconded by Committeeman Marion to approve the Township Committee minutes for the following:

- Regular and Executive Session - July 13, 2017
- Executive Session Minutes as redacted by the Township Attorney for January 20, 2011, February 17, 2011, March 17, 2011, April 14, 2011 and June 23, 2011.

Voice Vote: All in favor

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS OR OFFICIALS – there were none at this time

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – there were none at this time

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Garafola offered condolences to the family of Doug Reeder, a long time Warren resident and volunteer who passed away recently. He was an intricate part of the Warren Community and will be missed.

Congratulations to Anne LaHoff who just celebrated her 101 birthday.

Congratulations to the 3 Eagle Scouts who had their Court of Honor this past Sunday. Peter and John Fogarty and David Alexander

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Joe Lakatos – 7 Horseshoe Road, Warren, thanked the Township Committee for Resolution 2017-214 – Improvements to Round Top Road, which is on the Consent Agenda today.

BILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-201

Authorize Payment of Township Bills

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- 2017-210 AWARD OF CONTRACT – MORPHOTRAK LIVE SCAN SYSTEM DESKTOP WITH TWO YEAR MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
- 2017-211 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – ARAM KACHIDURIAN
- 2017-212 AUTHORIZING FILING OF STATE OF NEW JERSEY – OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL – DETECTIVE MATTHEW L. TARENTINO COMMUNITY POLICING GRANT
- 2017-213 AWARD OF CONTRACT BEYER FORD – 2017 FORD F-450 4WD
- 2017-214 APPROVING THE PLAN AND SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED BY KASTRUD ENGINEERING FOR “ROUND TOP ROAD IMPROVEMENTS”
- 2017-215 AUTHORIZING DEER MANAGEMENT HUNT ON CERTAIN TOWNSHIP AND COUNTY OWNED PROPERTIES
- 2017-216 AUTHORIZING THE CANCELLATION OF TAX BALANCES TO THE CURRENT FUND BALANCE
- 2017-218 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO RETAIN DIFRANCESCO, BATEMAN, KUNZMAN, DAVIS, LEHRER AND FLAUM, P.C. TO REPRESENT THE TOWNSHIP IN PENDING LITIGATION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT RELATED TO SAME
- 2017-219 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INDEMNIFICATION RELEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER & CO. FOR INSURANCE CONSULTING SERVICES
- 2017–220 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPANTS TO CONDUCT SITE VISIT AND INSPECTION OF NEW FIRE TRUCK

RESOLUTIONS

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-221
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE FIRE MARSHAL OF A PRE-APPROVAL
REQUEST FORM FOR A TEMPORARY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT AREA AT THE
FORMER DOCK WATCH QUARRY, BLOCK 34, LOT 25**

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-221. Seconded by: Committeeman Lazo. Roll Call: Committeeman Marion, no; Committeeman Lazo, no. Deputy Mayor Sordillo, no; Mayor Garafola, yes. Resolution failed and was not approved.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – there was none at this time

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DISCUSSION:

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-217**

- a. **AUTHORIZING THE PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS REGARDING THE PUBLIC SALE OF A NEW PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LIQUOR LICENSE**

Atty. Lehrer asked the Township Committee to clarify the allowable locations for the new distribution license. A discussion ensued and it was decided to amend the Resolution for the following locations:

- i. Community Business (CB) zone district.
- ii. Neighborhood Business (NB) zone district.
- iii. Block 70.02, Lot 133 (Quail Run Shopping Center).
- iv. Residential Business Limited Retail (RBLR) zone district.

Clerk Reese asked the Township Committee to approve this resolution as amended today in order to maintain the bid timeline.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Lazo to approve Resolution No. 2017-217 as amended. Roll Call; All in favor.

- b. Park & Ride Update – Committeeman Lazo noted that there is a meeting scheduled for himself and Administrator Krane with a private bus company to discuss route options.
- c. 2018 Budget Goals and Objectives }
d. 2018 Budget Procedures }
Administrator Krane provided memos for the Township Committee's review. He asked that they be prepared for formal action at the Sept 7th meeting, as he would like to begin the 2018 Budget implementation on September 15, 2017.
- e. Zoning Standards Redevelopment Sites
Atty. Lehrer and Planner Chadwick requested permission to move forward and prepare the Ordinances for all 5 redevelopment sites for the September 7th meeting.
- f. Affordable Housing
Atty. Lehrer said the settlement is moving forward in a very positive direction. A discussion ensued about failed legislation to end the expenses for municipalities having to defend their affordable housing numbers to Fair Share Housing and the objectors.
- g. Dubois Road Portion Vacation }
h. Gregory Lane Portion Vacation }
Mr. Krane and Mr. Chadwick explained that there are Planning Board subdivision applications for both of this areas, but the Planning Board cannot approve the applications unless the vacation is approved by the Committee first. The Committee gave Atty. Lehrer and Planner Chadwick permission to move forward and prepare the vacation ordinances for the September Township Committee.

Mayor Garafola noted:

- Somerset County has a triple A (AAA) Bond rating.

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- The New Fire truck is being built and progress will be monitored by an onsite visit from the fire company liaisons.

Mayor Garafola received and read a letter of appreciation received from Leslie Kellerbush of the Mt. Bethel Cemetery Association thanking the Township for repairing the Mt Bethel Cemetery wall.

Committeeman Lazo thanked the Department of Public works for the great job they did on the road overlay project.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR - Members of the public wishing to address the governing body on any matter will be allowed three (3) minutes, unless there are unusual circumstances.

- Joe Lakatos asked about the driver who hit the Mt. Bethel Cemetery wall, and Mr. Krane responded that the town received \$25,000 from the driver's accident insurance to repair the wall. Mr. Lakatos requested a copy of the street overlay resolution. Clerk Reese will provide a copy.
- Rick de Pinho noted that the Access Channel was not working for viewing the Township Committee meetings, Mr. Krane is aware and working with Verizon on the problem. Mr. Krane noted that all of the Township Committee meetings are viewable on the Township website.
- Ward Scheidermen, treasurer of the Warren Rescue Squad thanked the Township for the \$25,000 donation to the Warren Rescue Squad.
- Rob Walton from JCP&L noted that the Substation application is moving successfully through the Warren Township Planning Board and on schedule. Mr. Walton has requested our critical care list from the Office of Emergency Management but reminded the public that there is an application on the JCP&L website if they would like to be added to that list.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-222**

Pending Litigation – Affordable Housing

At 8:05 P.M., Committeeman Marion made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Lazo to move to closed session by approving Resolution 2017-222. Roll Call: All in favor

ADJOURN

The Committee returned from Executive Session at 8:26 P.M. and as there was no further business, Committeeman Lazo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Marion to adjourn. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk

Approved: September 7, 2017