

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 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 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 7:01 PM.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL - Committeeman Lazo, Committeeman Marion, Committeeman DiNardo, Deputy Mayor Sordillo and Mayor Garafola were all present.

Also present were: Atty. Jeffrey Lehrer, Administrator Krane and Clerk Reese.

PROCLAMATION

Committeeman Marion and Committeeman Lazo presented Dave Tucker, Chairman of the Board of Trustees with a Proclamation for the 40th Anniversary of the ADULT DAY CARE Center of Somerset County.

BUDGET PRESENTATION by Warren Township Board of Education

Superintendent, Dr. Matthew Mingle and Patricia Leonhardt, Board Secretary

Highlights included: .0071 increase in taxes for 2018, School K-8 has no debt, expanding the pre-school program, and partnering with Raritan Community College to expand the science program. Enrollment has decline 25% over the last 6 years.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDINANCE NO. 17-13 (second reading/adoption)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COURT YARD

Mayor Garafola opened the public hearing and as there was no public comment, closed the public hearing and called for a motion to adopt.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-13, seconded by Committeeman Marion. Roll call: All in favor

MINUTES

Committeeman DiNardo made a motion to approve the TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES for Regular & Executive Session – May 18, 2017 and Executive for Special Meeting – May 31, 2017. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Voice Vote: All in favor

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committeeman Marion noted that the Annual Fishing Derby was huge success and thanked all the volunteers.

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Deputy Mayor Sordillo thanked the Washington DC Police for their bravery during the Alexandria, Virginia shooting incident and asked everyone to pray for Congressman Scalice's recovery.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Lakatos – 7 Horseshoe Lane questioned Resolution 2017-165, "No Idling Policy". Administrator Krane explained that it was in order for us to retain our Sustainable New Jersey certification and it applied to our public works, police, and inspectors when driving township vehicles.

Administrator Krane noted that 2017-181 2017 Streets Overlay, was one of the most aggressive programs to date.

BILLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-148

Committeeman Marion made a motion to adopt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo, Roll call: All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – None at this time

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 17-14 (by title for introduction)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-9 ENTITLED "DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS" OF CHAPTER III ENTITLED "GENERAL POLICE REGULATIONS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

EXPLANATION: This Ordinance supplements and amends Chapter III entitled "General Police Regulations" by amending Section 3-9 entitled "Discharge of Fireworks" to clarify the permit requirements.

Committeeman Lazo made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 17-14 on first reading, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Discussion: Administrator explained that this was to correct clerical items within the original ordinance. Roll call: All in favor.

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions No. 2017-149 through No. 2017-181 were submitted to the Township Committee for review and may be adopted by one motion. These resolutions are listed on the agenda for review and a complete copy made available in the Township Clerk's Office.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2017-149 through 2017-181 seconded by Committeeman Marion. Roll call: All in favor

2017-149	CERTIFICATION OF 2016 AUDIT
2017-150	APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – PETER CHILDERS
2017-151	APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM JUNIOR MEMBER TO ACTIVE MEMBER
2017-152	PROMOTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL R. PORTNER

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- 2017-153 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF ORDINANCE NO. 09-18 TO THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE
- 2017-154 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF ORDINANCE NO. 14-17
- 2017-155 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF ORDINANCE NO. 14-18
- 2017-156 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED DEBT AUTHORIZATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 15-20
- 2017-157 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF ORDINANCE NO. 16-03 TO THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE
- 2017-158 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF ORDINANCE NO. 16-05 TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
- 2017-159 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF ORDINANCE 16-11 TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
- 2017-160 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT 2017 IN THE SUM OF \$40,879.74
- 2017-161 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM FEMA GRANT ALERT AM RADIO SYSTEM IN THE SUM OF \$43,013
- 2017-162 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM GARDEN STATE MUNICIPAL JOINT INSURANCE FUND IN THE SUM OF \$232.00
- 2017-163 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM CMG CHELSEA, LLC. IN THE SUM OF \$500.00
- 2017-164 AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A-4532 - AMENDING OPRA TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS' RIGHTS TO PRIVACY IN RELATION TO THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION AND TO PROTECT AGAINST UNWARRANTED SOLICITATIONS
- 2017-165 AUTHORIZING SUPPORT FOR THE VEHICLE "NO IDILING" POLICY
- 2017-166 AUTHORIZING TOWNSHIP FIELD USE APPLICATION FOR THE QUAID R. MOBIS FOUNDATION
- 2017-167 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO ASSESSOR SERVICES LLC FOR TAX ASSESSMENT SERVICES

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- 2017-168 AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF (5) OLD FILING CABINETS TO MIDDLE-BROOK REGIONAL HEALTH COMMISSION
- 2017-169 AUTHORIZING FILING OF YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION GRANT APPLICATION WITH SOMERSET COUNTY
- 2017-170 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND - STREET OPENING PERMIT #2016-34
- 2017-171 RELEASING INSPECTION FEES BLOCK 70 LOT 32.02
- 2017-172 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL CONDOMINIUM UNIT KNOWN AS 127 TOWN CENTER DRIVE
- 2017-173 AWARD OF CONTRACT STATION SPECIALIST, INC. ALERT AM RADIO STATION
- 2017-174 AWARD OF CONTRACT – NATIONAL AUTO FLEET GROUP TWO (2) 2018 CHEVROLET EQUINOX
- 2017-175 AWARD OF CONTRACT – BMC MASONRY & CONSTRUCTION, LLC REPAIRS TO MT. BETHEL CEMETERY WALL
- 2017-176 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES
- 2017-177 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION “POCKET” LIQUOR LICENSES - KATIE SINGJU LEE & VINJOHN, LLC.
- 2017-178 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSES – CLUB
- 2017-179 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE - HOTEL/MOTEL EXCEPTION
- 2017-180 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOUSE LEASE EXTENSION FOR 207 MOUNTAIN AVENUE FROM JULY 1, 2017 – JULY 31, 2017
- 2017-181 AWARD OF CONTRACT 2017 STREETS OVERLAY

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2017-183 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT – RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC.

Committeeman Marion made a motion to adopt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Discussion: Clerk Reese explained that this resolution was to continue the purging of records in the off-site archive facility in order to prepare for digitization of all files. Roll call: All in favor

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DEFERRED BUSINESS – There was none at this time

DISCUSSION

Bikes Lanes – Mayor Garafola read a letter she received from 5th grader, Lianna Bartnick asking the Township to add bike lanes. Administrator Krane noted that Police Sgt. Mizeski, Traffic Division, has reached out to Somerset County regarding this issue. Committeeman DiNardo would like to write a letter to the Freeholders to support bike lanes in Warren. Deputy Mayor Sordillo warned that many of the roads are too narrow for bike lanes and the roads would have to be widened.

Wagner Farm Future Planning – Administrator Krane provided the Committee with a list of items that needed to be done on the Wagner property, which the Department of Public Works will incorporate into their work schedule this year.

Park & Ride Survey Update – Committeeman Lazo went over the final results of the survey, which was 96% in favor of a Park –N-Ride. This will be located somewhere close to I-78, exit 36 and the service will run from 6:00AM – 9:00 AM and then from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The Committee has met with the County and NJ Transit reviewing existing sites. The Township will be able to move quickly on this, especially with the future train delays for repairs that are scheduled for this summer.

Affordable Housing - Atty. Lehrer noted that after 2 years of litigation, the next 2 months will be critical. There is a meeting with Judge Miller on June 21. Committeeman Lazo told the public that this Township Committee had been working on this since 2012, hundreds of man-hours have been put into these hearings and negotiations, and the decision that the court will finally make will shape the next decade of Warren Township.

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.

Rob Walton, from JCP&L addressed the Township Committee to let them know that the substation in Martinsville was approved. JCP&L is promoting a program to replace street lights with LED lights. Administrator Krane asked Mr. Walton to meet with him to discuss the program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-182

Pending Litigation – Affordable Housing
Contract Negotiation - Fire Sub-code Bid Rejection
Fire Sub-Code Official Position

At 8:07 PM, Committeeman DiNardo made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-182 and adjourn into executive session, with a possibility of returning to open session, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Roll Call: All in favor

The Township Committee returned to Open Session at 8:50 PM.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-184
AWARD OF CONTRACT – EIC INSPECTION AGENCY CORP.
FIRE SUBCODE THIRD PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES**

Mayor Garafola made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-184, seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll Call: All in favor

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ADJOURN

Committeeman Lazo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved: July 13, 2017