

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor Sordillo 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, 2013 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. Marion  
Mr. DiNardo  
Mrs. Garafola  
Mayor Sordillo

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

Mr. DiNardo introduced and read resolution No. 2013-174, 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

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;  
and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

August 15, 2013

Contract Negotiations: Somerset County Park Plan; Block 32, Lot 9.07

Litigation: Gage vs. Warren

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.

Mayor Sordillo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Warren Library Director Della Sala and Director of the Somerset County Library O'Shea gave a presentation on the Strategic Plan for the Library. The Mission Statement includes a vision to enrich lives, strengthen the community and connect people with each other. Mr. O'Shea spoke about the Branch Library Agreement and stated that Somerset County is looking to more equitably charge other towns and hopefully, in time, maybe the County Library Commission could pay the maintenance and utility costs, as opposed to Warren bearing the entire cost.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 13-18 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER XVI ENTITLED "ZONING" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, BY RECOGNIZING AND PROTECTING PRE-EXISTING NON-CONFORMING DEVELOPMENT IN THE R-65 AND CR-130/65 ZONE DISTRICTS**

Ms. DiRocco stated that this ordinance was referred to the Planning Board for review and recommendation. At a Planning Board meeting of August 26, 2013, the Board determined that this ordinance is not inconsistent with any provisions of the Master Plan.

Mayor Sordillo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 13-18. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

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On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mr. DiNardo, Ordinance No. 13-18 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Regular and Executive Session minutes of August 15, 2013 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marion stated that Assemblyman Bramnick sponsored a Senate Bill relative to School Safety Task Forces. The Governor has signed this bill.

Mayor Sordillo 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. 2013-194 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-194 is appended to the official minutes.

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

- 2013-195     AWARD OF CONTRACT – ROBERT H. HOOVER & SONS, INC  
                  (1) CAB & CHASSIS AND BODY REFURBISHMENT AND  
                  INSTALLATION
- 2013-196     AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT TO QUEST  
                  ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. – DPW  
                  UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS
- 2013-197     AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENT  
                  WITH WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BOARD OF  
                  EDUCATION FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER
- 2013-198     AUTHORIZING CHANGE FUND FOR THE RECREATION  
                  DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00
- 2013-199     RELEASING INSPECTION FEES
- 2013-200     RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND STREET OPENING PERMIT  
                  #2013-12
- 2013-201     APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR MEMBER ADAM PERVEZ TO THE  
                  WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

- 2013-202 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO WARREN TOWNSHIP IN THE SUM OF \$899.00
- 2013-203 AUTHORIZING 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR CONTRACT - SNOW PLOWING - TO F & M LANDSCAPING
- 2013-204 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENT WITH NJDOT – DEAD RIVER ROAD ROADWAY PRESERVATION
- 2013-205 CANCELLATION OF WATCHUNG MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT RESERVE
- 2013-206 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE VINJOHN LLC - POCKET LICENSE
- 2013-207 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE SPRINGFIELD BERKELEY LLC - POCKET LICENSE
- 2013-208 AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY, SECTION 14, ITEM 2, “COMPENSATORY TIME”
- 2013-209 AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF K-9 DOG “ONYX” AND ACKNOWLEDGING DONATION FROM WARREN TOWNSHIP HONORARY PBA
- 2013-210 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOUSE LEASE EXTENSION 195 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
- 2013-211 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF HOUSE LEASE EXTENSION 198 MOUNTAIN AVENUE
- 2013-212 SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S2340 - EXPANDING ABILITY OF THE COURT TO ORDER PAYMENT OF ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS BY PARTIES WHO FILE FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS
- 2013-213 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION LIQUOR LICENSE #1820-33-009-007 – VERDI’S INC

Resolutions No. 2013-195 through 2013-213 are appended to the official minutes.

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On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Resolution No. 2013-214 entitled "ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE CAPTAIN ROBERT M. GLEN" was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-214 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Resolution No. 2013-215 entitled "AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN UNREGULATED HEATING OIL TANK PROGRAM CERTIFICATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNDERGROUND OIL TANK REMOVED FROM LOT 9.07 IN BLOCK 32" was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2013-215 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Krane spoke of the Special Sewer Assessment on Hillcrest Road. The project would service 18 properties with up to 30 connections. He reported on a meeting with the Sewerage Authority and Engineering firm PS&S. Mr. Krane recommended that this firm take the lead. Hillcrest LLC, that was previously formed by the residents on Hillcrest Road, has turned over the plans to the Sewerage Authority. This will help in determining the special assessment. He exhibited two sets of plans. One set has a house not included in Schedule A. This house will be included in the Special Assessment Plan. Mr. Lehrer will check the legality of this. Mr. Krane explained the process.

Standards for the removal of trees were discussed. The ordinance will be amended.

Mr. Krane explained that the former Gulf Station on Community Place is currently going through a cleanup stage. They have requested an installation of a well monitor. Mr. Lehrer stated that a hold harmless agreement and an easement would be required and any costs would have to be borne by the requestor. The governing body agreed.

Mr. Krane spoke of the Veterans Memorial in the Municipal Courtyard. Twelve names need to be added; however, there is no room on the Memorial. Mrs. Garafola suggested a small wall behind the benches. The cost will be researched and further considered.

Mr. DiNardo stated that the Board of Adjustment recommended that the half story height requirement in the Ordinance be eliminated. The Planning Board must agree as well. This will be further considered.

Mr. Krane gave an update on the proposed Wagner Farm Barn. The Architect and Engineering are working on a design. DPW can excavate the area. This will be a cost savings.

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The governing body discussed the designation of Warren being No. 1 in Central Jersey and No. 2 in the State. Mrs. Garafola suggested press releases, a Mayor article, an interview with a resident, a notice on cable, banners, flags for Light Poles and a Plaque. A celebration will be planned at the November 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Privilege of the Floor portion of the meeting was opened. No one wished to speak and this portion was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. DiNardo, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC  
Township Clerk