

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:07 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor DiNardo read the following notice:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 9, 2014 and September 30, 2014 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. Sordillo
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor DiNardo

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

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2014-226, 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:

Contract Negotiations: Teamsters Union Contract

Potential Property Development Rights: Block 96, Lots 35, 43, 44 and
Block 213, Lot 50

Personnel: Police Officer Interviews

Litigation: COAH

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 6:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 7:02 p.m.

Mayor DiNardo led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the Artists who painted the Mural at the Library.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to recipients of the Girl Scout Bronze Award and the Silver Awards.

Jack Hentschel, Chair of the Environmental Commission was present to speak about the Environmental Resource Inventory that was prepared by the Commission. The Inventory included areas of natural resources, climate issues, air and water quality. He thanked Chris Kastrud, Dave Darge and John Chadwick for their assistance. The governing body expressed their appreciation for a job well done.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 14-25 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER III-A ENTITLED "EMERGENCY ALARM SYSTEMS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

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Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-25. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 14-25 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 14-26 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT 10 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS A PORTION OF LOT 73, BLOCK 71 AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT 10 FOOT WIDE UTILITY EASEMENT ACROSS A PORTION OF LOT 22.05, BLOCK 71 FOR THE BENEFIT OF PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS 4 WHISPERING WAY, WARREN TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-26. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 14-26 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Marion introduced Ordinance No. 14-27 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT TO ALLOW JCP&L TO INSTALL UTILITIES ALONG THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF TECHNOLOGY DRIVE NORTH, WARREN TOWNSHIP, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

Mayor DiNardo opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 14-27. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-27 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, the Regular Session meeting minutes of October 9, 2014 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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The Comments on Agenda items portion of the meeting was opened.

Mr. Lakatos question the dates of the CWA Union Contract. Mr. Krane informed him that it is a four year Contract.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2014-227 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Marion.. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2014-227 is appended to the official minutes.

Mrs. Garafola introduced Ordinance No. 14-28 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER XV ENTITLED "LAND USE PROCEDURES AND DEVELOPMENT" AMENDING SUBSECTION 15-7.2(O) OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

As this Ordinance was intended to provide for a cul-de-sac private street to service six or fewer lots, a discussion ensued relative to the number of lots. The governing body agreed to amend the language to reflect and clarify that the service will be between two and six lots.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Sordillo, Ordinance No. 14-28, as amended, was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 14-29 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE EXTINGUISHING IN ITS ENTIRETY A SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOT 28, BLOCK 29 AS SHOWN ON THE WARREN TOWNSHIP TAX MAP.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 14-29 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

- 2014-228 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – BRENDAN PAUL RAE
- 2014-229 APPOINTMENT OF JUNIOR MEMBERS TO MT. BETHEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
- 2014-230 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND – STREET OPENING PERMITS #2014-13 & #2014-17
- 2014-231 RELEASING INSPECTION FEES - BLOCK 78 LOT 18.01
- 2014-232 AWARD OF CONTRACT – ROCK SALT THROUGH SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2014-233 AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH CROWN INTERNATIONAL STEEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,225 FOR A SALT SHED BUILDING
- 2014-234 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE SUM OF \$7,500
- 2014-235 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$103,580
- 2014-236 AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO COMPLETE IMPROVEMENTS ON LOT 37.01, BLOCK 71 AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPER’S AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN AND 58 MT. BETHEL, INC.
- 2014-237 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNICATION WORKERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2013 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016
- 2014-238 AUTHORIZING THE WAGNER FARM ARBORETUM TO CONDUCT A FARMERS MARKET ON MUNICIPAL GROUNDS

Resolutions No. 2014-228 through 2014-238 are appended to the official minutes.

The governing body agreed to the 2015 Holiday schedule.

The governing body agreed to modifications in the Waiver of Medical Benefits Program. This will be formalized by Resolution.

The governing body will further discuss the Dead River Road Detour Plan.

The governing body discussed and agreed to support Legislative Bill S444 and 2419.

Mayor DiNardo and Mr. Krane spoke of the construction of a parking lot on Elks Trail. During construction of the new Municipal building, parking spaces in the municipal lots will be reduced by 50%. The new lot will help alleviate the loss of spaces.

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

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Marion, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk