

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JANUARY 20, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor Marion 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, 2015 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. DiNardo
Mr. Sordillo
Mrs. Garafola
Mayor Marion

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

Mr. Lazo introduced and read resolution No. 2015-32, seconded by Mr. Sordillo 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:

Personnel: Leave of Absence – Receptionist H. Cosgrove
Attorney Client Privilege – Stirling Pond, LLC – Block 85, Lot 15.03

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 Marion led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The governing body presented Certificates of Recognition to the Pop Warner Jr. Pee Football Team, the Jr. Pee Wee Cheer Squad and the Jr. Midget Cheer Squad for their 2014 Championships. The Pop Warner Coaches were commended for their leadership as well.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Reorganization meeting minutes of January 7, 2015 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

The governing body spoke about Warren and their vision and goals for 2015.

Mayor Marion stated that he would like to continue to maintain the rural character of the Township. The Township is fiscally responsible and has maintained low taxes. He also commented that shared services are utilized whenever possible. The East County Park expansion was a great accomplishment.

Mr. Sordillo stated that he always hears comments from residents and non-residents about what a great town Warren is and the Park system is top notch. Warren is a wonderful rural community and a great place to raise a family.

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Mr. Lazo stated that the school system in Warren is great. The Township is a very safe place to live and work. The governing body and residents have a great relationship with our Police Department.

Mrs. Garafola commented that she has lived in Warren 40 years. She said that she is very proud of Warren. It is wonderful to hear all the great comments about the Township.

Mr. DiNardo stated that he is looking forward to working with his colleagues in the coming year.

Mayor Marion opened the Comments on Agenda Items portion of the meeting.

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, inquired about Resolution No. 2015-37 relative to the purchase of a refurbishment vehicle. Mr. Krane explained that the Township buys new engines and uses refurbished chassis and frames.

No one wished to speak and this portion was closed.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-33 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-33 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 15-01 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUNICIPAL PURPOSES EASEMENT ACROSS A PORTION OF LOT 3.02, BLOCK 89 BY AND BETWEEN THE WARREN TOWNSHIP RESCUE SQUAD AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 15-01 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

2015-34 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND – STREET
 OPENING PERMIT #2014-25

- 2015-35 PROMOTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS - LT. PAUL DZIEDZIC AND SGT. RONALD ROSELLI TO GRADE 1
- 2015-36 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT - AMY L. OBUCH AND SARAH A. HADDICAN
- 2015-37 AWARD OF CONTRACT – ROBERT H. HOOVER & SONS, INC. FOR PURCHASE OF 2015 GVWR 43,000 LB CAB & CHASSIS & BODY REFURBISHMENT VEHICLE
- 2015-38 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF TAX COLLECTOR LOREE SAUMS
- 2015-39 APPROVING UPDATED BLOODBORNE PATHOGENS EXPOSURE CONTRAL PLAN
- 2015-40 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$180,000
- 2015-41 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2015 MUNICIPAL RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY
- 2015-42 AWARD OF CONTRACT - CUMMING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING
- 2015-43 AWARD OF CONTRACT – DENTAL INSURANCE – DELTA DENTAL
- 2015-44 AWARD OF CONTRACT - SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP. FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS
- 2015-45 AUTHORIZING SALARIES FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES

2015-46 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR HILLCREST ROAD
PRESSURE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM PROJECT
TO JOHN GARCIA CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.

Resolutions No. 2014-34 through No. 2014-46 are appended to the official minutes.

The governing body discussed the process of hiring a new Tax Collector. Loree Saums is retiring after 34 years of service. Mr. Krane noted that a Tax Collector must be State certified. The hiring is for a term of four years, at which point the Collector would attain tenure. The governing body agreed that the position would be part time. Mrs. Garafola stated that the governing body should be involved in the process. This position is important. Mrs. Garafola and Mr. Marion will be involved in the process and attend the interviews.

Mr. Krane informed the governing body that Quest Environmental has completed all testing and sampling regarding underground storage tanks at DPW in order to resolve the outstanding contamination case from 1994. Quest filed the applicable response outcome submittal package with NJDEP. The matter is now closed.

Mr. Krane gave an update on the construction of a municipal parking lot on the corner of Elks Trail and Bardy Road. Estimates have been revised and a funding ordinance will be required. Municipal Department personnel will be utilized wherever possible.

Mrs. Garafola reported on the 2015 Library Reorganization. She attended a meeting with Brian O'Shea of the Somerset County Library System. The goal of the County is to keep up with technology. Employees will not lose their jobs; however, there will be restructuring. Mr. DiNardo commended Mrs. Garafola for all the years she has been a liaison to the Library and for the continued great job she does.

Mr. Krane stated that the Green Team desires to apply for a sustainable grant in the amount of \$2,000. The governing body agreed to the submission. A resolution memorializing this action will be prepared after this meeting.

Mr. Krane reported on the attendance of a N.J. American Water Company. They are proposing \$200,000 in infrastructure improvements with a rate increase of approximately \$5.00 per month, which is 13%.

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

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Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, said that he attended the Bon Fire at the Municipal Complex. It was a great event.

No one else wished to speak and the Privilege portion of the meeting was closed.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk