

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
MARCH 12, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 6:00 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 and March 9, 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. Sordillo introduced and read resolution No. 2015-60, seconded by Mrs. Garafola 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

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

Personnel: Tax Collector Position; Leave of Absence - H. Cosgrove
Contract Negotiations: Pop Warner Light Tower Lease; WTSA Lease;
Warren Township Rescue Squad Lease
Litigation: 48 Hillcrest Blvd.
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 7:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 7:56 p.m.

Mayor Marion led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DiRocco administered the Oath of Allegiance to Police Officers Thomas Clark and Angelo Barbieri.

Adrienne Stewart, Lions Club President, presented the Leo Lions. This is a newly formed group of young people. The group was recognized for their willingness to unselfishly volunteer through the Lions Club of Warren.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ernie Cottrill and the Giving Garden volunteers at the Wagner Farm Arboretum for the success of the program to feed the needy.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 15-02 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF \$120,000 AS AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE CAPITAL FUND BALANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PARKING LOT ON BLOCK 89, LOT 2.01 ALONG ELKS TRAIL

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Mayor Marion opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 15-02. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 15-02 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Lazo introduced Ordinance No. 15-03 by title for second reading/adoption and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK OF A MUTUAL POLICE AID AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN VARIOUS SOMERSET COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES, THE SOMERSET COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND THE SOMERSET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Mayor Marion opened the Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 15-03. No one wished to speak and the hearing was closed.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 15-03 was adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Sordillo, the Regular and Executive session meeting minutes of February 18, 2015 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Marion 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. 2015-61 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-61 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 15-04 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PAPER STREET KNOWN AS TRENTON AVENUE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 15-04 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

- 2015-62 PROMOTION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS PATRICK BENNETT, JEFFREY SOHLER AND CHRISTOPHER PENNISI
- 2015-63 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND – STREET OPENING PERMIT #2014-31
- 2015-64 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,500
- 2015-65 AMENDING 2015 TEMPORARY BUDGET
- 2015-66 AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH CUMMING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC.
- 2015-67 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REGARDING GRANT ELIGIBILITY
- 2015-68 DESIGNATING APRIL 2, 2015 AS DATE FOR 2015 BUDGET INTRODUCTION
- 2015-69 AWARD OF CONTRACT – L3 COMMUNICATIONS MOBILE-VISION, INC. COMPLETE DVR SYSTEM FOR POLICE HEADQUARTERS INTERVIEW ROOMS

Resolutions No. 2015-62 through No. 2015-69 are appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, seconded by Mrs. Garafola, Resolution No. 2015-70 entitled “APPOINTING RANDY BAHR AS TAX COLLECTOR” was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-70 is appended to the official minutes.

Mayor Marion appointed Derrick Freijomil from an Alternate No. 2 position on the Planning Board to a Class IV member to fill an

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unexpired term, said term to expire on December 31, 2016. Mayor Marion also appointed Michael Scuderi to the Alternate No. 2 position on the Planning Board to fill an unexpired term, said term to expire on December 31, 2015.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Mr. Freijomil was appointed to the Environmental Commission as a Regular Member to fill an unexpired term, said term to expire on December 31, 2016. In this capacity, he will serve as the Planning Board Liaison. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Krane noted that he met with the Mayor, Mrs. Garafola and Auditor Warren Korecky to discuss the tax levy cap and fund balance. Mrs. Garafola stated that the meeting was very informative. The governing body stated their approval of the budget numbers and directed Mr. Krane to move forward. Mr. Krane noted that he will send the Capital Budget Plan to the governing body. The budget will be finalized on March 25th and introduced on April 2nd.

Mr. Krane informed the governing body that there is a new inclusion in the Open Space Annual Summary Report. It will now include items that were previously budgeted for, but not yet completed.

Mr. Krane spoke of the investment of surplus. There is more cash than in previous years and consideration will be given to obtaining a long term CD.

Mr. Lehrer gave an overview of the Sale of a Plenary Retail Distribution License. One bid was received by the Township Clerk and the required documentation, namely the ABC Application, contained deficiencies. On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the bid submitted by SMF, INC. was rejected and the sale cancelled. The roll call vote was unanimous. A resolution will be prepared for an upcoming meeting to memorialize the decision and authorize the Township Clerk to start a new process.

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

Peter Fallon, 18 Gregory Lane commended the Department of Public Works on the snow removal this past winter. The Privilege portion was closed, as no one else wished to speak.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk