

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE
JUNE 18, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 7:34 a.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

Mayor Marion led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Sordillo, the Regular and Executive session meeting minutes of May 27, 2015 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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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. 2015-128 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. DiNardo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-128 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. DiNardo introduced Ordinance No. 15-11 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER VI ENTITLED "LICENSING OF DOGS" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN, AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED, BY THE AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE OF THE CHAPTER, THE ADDITION OF CERTAIN DEFINITIONS, THE AMENDMENT OF THE DEFINITION OF "PET SHOP" AND THE ADDITION OF CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS TO SECTION 6-4 ENTITLED "LICENSING OF KENNELS, PET SHOPS AND POUNDS."

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, second of Mr. Lazo, Ordinance No. 15-11 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sordillo introduced Ordinance No. 15-12 by title for first reading and read the following:

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER IV ENTITLED "LICENSING – GENERAL" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN AS HERETOFORE SUPPLEMENTED AND AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 4-17 ENTITLED "DEALERS OF PRECIOUS METALS, GEMS AND SECONDHAND GOODS".

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, Ordinance No. 15-12 was passed on first reading. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Marion asked that Resolution No. 2015-134 be removed from the Consent Agenda and voted upon separately.

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On motion of Mr. Lazo, second of Mr. Sordillo, the following Consent Agenda Resolutions, with the exception of No. 2015-134, were approved, carried by unanimous roll call vote:

- 2015-129 CERTIFICATION OF 2014 AUDIT
- 2015-130 AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SOMERSET COUNTY AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN CONCERNING THE CREDENTIALING OF FIRST RESPONDERS
- 2015-131 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL SHARED SERVICES DEFENSE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING JEFFREY R. SURENIAN, ESQ. TO EXECUTE THE RUTGERS RESEARCH AGREEMENT REGARDING BURCHELL FAIR SHARE ANALYSIS
- 2015-132 AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A DECLARATORY JUDGMENT APPLICATION AND A MOTION FOR TEMPORARY IMMUNITY TO ALLOW THE TOWNSHIP TO REVISE ITS THIRD ROUND HOUSING ELEMENT AND FAIR SHARE PLAN AND OBTAIN A JUDGMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND REPOSE
- 2015-133 AWARD OF CONTRACT - CONNECTIONS PERSONNEL
- 2015-135 AWARD OF CONTRACT - MY TECH GUY, LLC
- 2015-136 AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT WITH COUNTY OF SOMERSET TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
- 2015-137 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT IN THE SUM OF \$42,073.86
- 2015-138 AWARD OF NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE TO FARM WASHINGTON VALLEY ROAD, BLOCK 76 LOT 2
- 2015-139 AWARD OF NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE TO FARM THE WAGNER FARM PROPERTY

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- 2015-140 AWARD OF CONTRACT – ROUTE 23 AUTOMALL, LLC
 TWO (2) FORD F350 PICKUP TRUCKS

- 2015-141 AWARD OF CONTRACT – ROUTE 46 CHEVROLET
 FOUR (4) CHEVROLET EQUINOX SMALL UTILITY
 VEHICLES

- 2015-142 AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WARREN
 TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL POLICY, SECTION 10
 “DEDICATION FOR LEAVE WITHOUT PAY”

- 2015-143 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION
 LIQUOR LICENSES

- 2015-144 RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION
 LIQUOR LICENSE

Resolutions No. 2015-129 through No. 2015-144 are appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. DiNardo, seconded by Mr. Sordillo, Resolution No. 2015-145 entitled “ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER S. SHAW BOSWELL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015” was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-145 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, seconded by Mr. Lazo, Resolution No. 2015-146 entitled “APPOINTING KAREN DENAVE AS TEMPORARY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015” was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-146 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Krane suggested creating and appointing an ad hoc Committee to update the Wagner Farm Master Plan. There could be approximately seven members. Mayor Marion asked for background information. Mr. Sordillo and Mrs. Garafola offered to serve on the Committee. Other individuals suggested were Arboretum Foundation member Mr. Apgar, an Open Space Committee member, a Recreation Commission member and a Planning Board member.

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Mr. Krane spoke of the San Road major subdivision project. A series of drainage easements and road vacations will be a part of the process. Township Engineer Kastrud has recommended waiting on the aforementioned until the final subdivision.

Mr. Krane gave an update on the Geiger/Krausche Road Sewer Project. There are 24 properties. The Township received contracts from 13 homeowners, which is 54% affirmative. The percentage to move ahead was set at 60%. The governing body agreed to move forward.

Mr. Krane noted that there were bids received for the Wagner Farm Building project. The low bid was in excess of the Architect's assessment. Mr. Krane will discuss the situation with Mr. DiNardo and Mr. Lazo to determine the next step.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Sordillo, Ksari Quiros and Karl Hoster were appointed to the Historic Sites Committee for a term to expire 12/31/17. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Lakatos asked for an update on the new municipal building. Mr. Krane informed him that bids will be opened on July 8th. Construction would hopefully start by October. The Privilege portion was closed, as no one else wished to speak.

Mr. Krane asked for a motion to withdraw \$30,000 from the Open Space Trust Fund for the Wagner Farm Building. This amount would make up the difference from the insurance payment. On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mayor Marion, with a unanimous voice vote, the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Open Space Fund to be utilized for the Wagner Farm Building was approved.

Mr. Sordillo introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-147, 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:

Potential Litigation: Affordable Housing Plan

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 8:12 a.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 8:35 a.m.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Lazo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC
Township Clerk