

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 10, 2015**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, December 10, 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 December 4, 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, RMC, Township Clerk  
William Richardson, Acting Township Attorney

Mr. Sordillo introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-234, seconded by Mr. Lazo 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:

Contract Negotiations: Labor Contract - Teamsters Local #102  
Litigation: Hwang vs. Warren Township  
Personnel: Sick Leave Extension Police Officer Foley and Sergeant  
Cline; Police Officer Interviews

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 6:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Marion led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mrs. Garafola, the Regular and Executive session meeting minutes of November 19, 2015 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Garafola announced that there will not be a Sewerage Authority regular rate increase; however there will be an increase to connect to sewer lines. She also stated that Louis Esposito was approved to serve as a member on the Somerset Raritan Valley Sewerage Authority.

Mayor Marion recommended that Deputy Mayor Lazo be selected as Mayor at the Reorganization Meeting to be held on January 7, 2016. Mr. Sordillo recommended that Committeewoman Garafola be selected as Deputy Mayor.

Mayor Marion opened the Comments on Agenda Items portion of the meeting. Mr. Lakatos asked about Hwang vs. Warren litigation that was an Executive Session subject. Attorney Richardson stated that the matter could be made public once resolved.

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A Verizon representative spoke of the request by Verizon to place network nodes on existing poles located in the right of way in the Township. This will render the existing coverage more reliable. The governing body informed him that the approving resolution is on this meeting.

Mrs. Garafola introduced and read Resolution No. 2015-261 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Lazo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-261 is appended to the official minutes.

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

- 2015-262 ESTABLISHING JANUARY 1, 2016 AS A HOLIDAY
- 2015-263 RELEASE OF SEASONAL PERFORMANCE BOND -  
BLOCK 60 LOT 14.08
- 2015-264 AWARD OF CONTRACT - SHI INTERNATIONAL  
CORP. FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE SUPPORT FOR  
VARIOUS TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS
- 2015-265 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT DESIGNATING  
CENTRAL JERSEY HOUSING RESOURCE CENTER  
AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING COORDINATING  
AGENCY
- 2015-266 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF #2 ULTRA LOW  
SULFUR DIESEL FUEL AND FUEL OIL THROUGH  
SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING  
AGREEMENT
- 2015-267 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF #2 ULTRA LOW  
SULFUR DIESEL FUEL THROUGH MORRIS COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2015-268 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$109,000

- 2015-269 AWARD OF CONTRACT - EAST COAST EMERGENCY LIGHTING FOR OUTFITTING EQUIPMENT ON POLICE VEHICLES
- 2015-270 AUTHORIZING VERIZON WIRELESS AND ITS SUCCESSORS USE OF POLES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY
- 2015-271 AUTHORIZING CANCELLATION OF CERTAIN GRANT BALANCES
- 2015-272 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO CAMPBELL SUPPLY COMPANY INC. – MAINTENANCE OF FIRE APPARATUS
- 2015-273 AWARD OF CONTRACT – ADP, LLC. – PAYROLL SERVICES

Resolutions No. 2015-262 through No. 2015-273 are appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. Lazo, seconded by Mr. Sordillo, Resolution No. 2015-274 entitled “AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF FIREWORKS PERMIT – WARREN TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT – BONFIRE EVENT” was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-274 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, seconded by Mr. DiNardo, Resolution No. 2015-275 entitled “APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER M. CANNON AND BRANDON C. SEBASTIAN TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT” was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2015-275 is appended to the official minutes.

Mr. Krane stated that Four Seasons at the Promenade complex roads can be enforced by the Police for traffic issues. The governing body agreed. An Ordinance will have to be passed.

Mr. Krane noted that the ongoing postal problems are still being reported to Congressman Lance.

Mayor Marion reported on a meeting with Mr. Lehrer and Mr. DiNardo. The Township must meet and interview interested parties desiring to build affordable housing. These developers want to build as many units as possible. The Township is being proactive and very protective of the Township.

The governing body agreed to the proposed meeting schedule. There will be no change in the Boards/Commission's members that are up for re-appointment in 2016. There was discussion relative to disbanding some Boards. Mrs. Garafola suggested that queries be sent to several Boards to ask what goals they have. The governing body can then decide if those Boards should be disbanded.

Mr. Krane reported on a meeting with the County concerning its recommendation for placement of the Gazebo at the East County Reserve Park. The governing body discussed and would like the Gazebo to be placed near the parking area.

The governing body discussed a request by JCP&L to install four utility poles in the right of way on Independence Boulevard. JCP&L will be informed that the Township wants the company to utilize two existing poles and then run all wires underground.

Mr. Krane informed the governing body that a request was received by the Recreation Director and the Recreation Commission to change the name of the Commission to Parks and Recreation. Mrs. Garafola stated that there are many questions relative to restructuring personnel and cost factors. Mr. Sordillo stated that if significant changes are to be made and job responsibilities increased, perhaps a new job should be created. Mr. DiNardo stated that the current practice of utilizing Public Works for many projects is working. This will be further discussed.

Mr. Krane reminded the governing body that the Wagner Farm Arboretum had requested Township Committee members to sit on the Board of Trustees. At this point, the Township is waiting for the Arboretum to submit information that was requested by Mr. Lazo and Mr. Sordillo at a prior meeting with the Arboretum. A study needs to be completed. This will be further considered.

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

Anna Hac, 16 Fox Hill Drive, requested that the Township pass an Ordinance prohibiting the planting of Bamboo, as it is invasive and destructive. She has a problem with her neighbor at 18 Fox Hill Drive

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because the Bamboo on that property has encroached her property. She suggested that a requirement of at least 20 yards from any property line be enforced for the planting of Bamboo. Mr. Krane will speak further with Mrs. Hac after investigating this issue.

Mr. Lakatos complimented the Township on its Holiday decorations and wished all a Merry Christmas.

The Privilege portion was closed, as no one else wished to speak.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Lazo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC  
Township Clerk