

**MINUTES OF THE WARREN TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE  
JULY 14, 2016  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Township Committee of the Township of Warren, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in Public Session on Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Susie B. Boyce Meeting Room, 44 Mountain Boulevard, Warren, New Jersey.

Mayor Lazo 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, 2016 and July 8, 2016 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. Marion  
Mr. DiNardo  
Mr. Sordillo  
Mrs. Garafola  
Mayor Lazo

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

Township Clerk DiRocco read the following Executive Session Resolution No. 2016-150.1. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Marion, 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

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body wishes to discuss:

**Executive  
Session:  
Contract  
Negotiations/  
Potential  
Property  
Acquisition:  
Block 5, Lot 1.01;  
Property  
Acquisition:  
Donation of  
Block 192, Lot  
8.57; Litigation:  
Affordable  
housing update**

Contract Negotiations/Potential Property Acquisition: Block 5, Lot 1.01  
Property Acquisition: Donation of Block 192, Lot 8.57  
Litigation: Affordable Housing update

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 6:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened to Public Session at 6:39 p.m.

The Warren Police Honor Guard led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Marion spoke of the recent tragic murders of Police Officers in Dallas and around the country. There is a resolution on the agenda supporting legislation put forth by a Congressman in Florida that would impose the death penalty for the killing of Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders.

Mr. Marion introduced and read Resolution No. 2016-151 entitled "SUPPORTING H.R. 814, KNOWN AS THE "THIN BLUE LINE ACT". The resolution was seconded by Mr. Sordillo. The roll call vote was unanimous. Mr. Sordillo commented that the legislation should include the death penalty for an attempt to murder Police Officers.

Resolution No. 2016-151 is appended to the official minutes.

Acting Somerset County Prosecutor Michael Robertson spoke of his background and stated that he will actively support Law Enforcement Officers.

Ms. DiRocco administered Oaths of Allegiance to Sergeant Ferreiro and Officers Portner, Olah and Masterson.

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Officer Grasso referred to the tragic incident that occurred on August 17, 2015 and thanked the governing body for the support of the Police Officers involved.

The Township Committee members commended Ms. DiRocco for years of service and all the support that she rendered to everyone with professionalism and dedication. They said they will truly miss her. Ms. DiRocco spoke of her career with the Township and thanked the governing body, Mark Krane and Jeff Lehrer for a great working relationship. She stated appreciation for the strong support from her Deputy Carolyn and new staff member Jill. She reiterated the Township Committee's sentiments of a family relationship and team work. Ms. DiRocco said that she leaves with a very heavy heart. She stated that it has been a privilege, an honor and a pleasure all these years.

**Regular &  
Executive  
minutes  
approved**

On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. Marion, the Regular and Executive session meeting minutes of June 9, 2016 were approved. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, questioned Resolution No. 2016-176 regarding a second amendment to a professional services contract for the new Municipal Building as to the monetary amount. Mr. Krane informed him that the amount was \$10,100. No one else wished to speak and this portion was closed.

Mr. Marion introduced and read Resolution No. 2016-152 for the payment of bills, seconded by Mr. Sordillo. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2016-152 is appended to the official minutes.

**Library Advisory  
Board  
Appointment:  
Mally Becker,  
Mayor's  
Designee**

Mayor Lazo appointed Mally Becker as the Mayor's Designee to the Library Advisory Board for a term to expire on 12/31/16.

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

2016-153     APPOINTING LUKE MASTERSON, ROSS PORTNER  
                  AND KEVIN OLAH TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP  
                  POLICE DEPARTMENT

- 2016-154 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL AND KENNEL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2016
- 2016-155 AUTHORIZING 2016 WARREN TOWNSHIP CAR SHOW AND SIGNING OF TOWNSHIP FACILITY USE APPLICATION
- 2016-156 CANCEL TAX SALE PREMIUM TO WARREN TOWNSHP ON BLOCK 74 LOT 2.04
- 2016-157 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND WARREN IL SENIOR LIVING, LLC BLOCK 82 LOT 8
- 2016-158 REDUCTION OF PERFORMANCE BOND – WESTFIELD GOSPEL HALL INC. BLOCK 80 LOT 12.02
- 2016-159 AWARD OF CONTRACT – NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE ONE (1) CASE CX55B EXCAVATOR WITH CAB
- 2016-160 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – BRIAN CASHMAN
- 2016-161 EXTEND THIRD QUARTER TAXES GRACE PERIOD TO AUGUST 15, 2016
- 2016-162 AUTHORIZING RIGHT OF WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH SQF, LLC REGARDING DAS TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
- 2016-163 APPOINTING ERICA SBARRA, HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE CASH CUSTODIAN
- 2016-164 RE-AUTHORIZING THE HISTORIC SITES PETTY CASH FUND
- 2016-165 AMENDING AWARD OF CONTRACT FROM ZETRON INC TO NORTHEAST COMMUNICATIONS FOR A 911 SYSTEM
- 2016-166 CONFIRMING THE EXECUTION OF A LETTER OF INTENT WITH VERIZON, LIVINGSTON, NJ, TO

PROVIDE TELEPHONE SERVICE TO THE NEW TOWN HALL

- 2016-167 AUTHORIZING TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR OFFICER FOLEY AND SERGEANT CLINE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 15, 2016
- 2016-168 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY – 2016 ALCOHOL EDUCATION REHAB FUND
- 2016-169 AUTHORIZING THE WAGNER FARM ARBORETUM TO CONDUCT FARMERS MARKET ON MUNICIPAL GROUNDS
- 2016-170 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BONDS – STREET OPENING PERMITS
- 2016-171 CONFIRMING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FIDELITY NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES
- 2016-172 CHANGE ORDER - 2016 STREETS OVERLAY
- 2016-173 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNTY'S "WEEKEND JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST YEAR"
- 2016-174 AUTHORIZING A WAIVER OF UCC BUILDING SUB CODE FEES FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AT 3 TRINITY PLACE DUE TO FIRE
- 2016-175 AWARD OF CONTRACT – ONE (1) POLICE VEHICLE TO WINNER FORD OF CHERRY HILL

Resolutions No. 2016-153 through No. 2016-175 are appended to the official minutes.

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On motion of Mr. Sordillo, second of Mr. DiNardo, Resolution No. 2016-176 entitled "AUTHORIZING THIRD AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - SALUSTRO PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTS LLC, REGARDING THE NEW MUNICIPAL ANNEX" was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Marion	Nay
Mr. DiNardo	Aye
Mr. Sordillo	Aye
Mrs. Garafola	Nay
Mayor Lazo	Aye

Resolution No. 2016-176 is appended to the official minutes.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Resolution No. 2016-177 entitled "AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2000.00 TO CONTINUE TO FUND LEGAL EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CONSORTIUM REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION" was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2016-177 is appended to the official minutes.

**Recreation  
Commission  
Appointment:  
Joseph Filo,  
Regular member**

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Joseph Filo was moved from the Recreation Commission Alternate #1 position to a Regular member position to fill an unexpired term, said term to expire on 12/31/16. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Recreation  
Commission  
Appointment:  
Gina Rosenfarb,  
Regular member**

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mrs. Garafola, Gina Rosenfarb was moved from the Recreation Commission Alternate #2 position to a Regular member position to fill an unexpired term, said term to expire on 12/31/18. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Board of Health  
Appointment:  
Laura Burger,  
Alt #2**

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. DiNardo, Laura Burger was appointed to the Board of Health as an Alternate #2 to fill an unexpired term, said term to expire on 12/31/17. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Pollinator  
Garden @  
Wagner Farm**

Mr. Krane stated that he has been working with Laura Mandell, the Green Team and Rutgers regarding a Pollinator Garden and potential sites in Warren. Sites considered are the Codington Farmstead or Wagner Farm. Mr. DiNardo recommended Wagner Farm, as there is ample space and it would fit nicely there. The governing body agreed. The project can move forward.

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**Survey 2016**

Mr. Krane noted that the 2016 survey results of municipal departments were more positive than in the past. Past negatives have improved greatly.

Mr. Brown, Cumming Construction Management Inc., reviewed and explained the proposed change order and amendment of the contract for the new municipal building. Mr. Krane gave an update on the progress of the construction.

On motion of Mrs. Garafola, second of Mr. Marion, Resolution No. 2016-178 entitled "AUTHORIZING 2<sup>ND</sup> AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH CUMMING CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC." was introduced and adopted. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2016-178 is appended to the official minutes.

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

Mr. Lakatos, Horseshoe Road, thanked Ms. DiRocco for years of service to the Township.

**Recreation Teen  
Camp Program  
Discussion**

Lisa DiMaggio, 5 Brady Road, spoke of the Teen Camp Program situation. Her son was registered for a particular week and needed to attend a different week but was shut out. She said that the Recreation Department's rules on the site should be changed with respect to cut-off dates. Mr. Sordillo stated that Warren residents should come first. Mr. Krane stated that residents do come first. When programs are not filled by residents, registration is open to other towns. There needs to be a cut-off date for the Teen Camp. This issue will be reviewed. The Privilege portion of the meeting was closed, as no one else wished to speak.

On motion of Mr. Marion, second of Mr. Sordillo, and unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. DiRocco, RMC  
Township Clerk

Approved August 11, 2016