

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN  
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

Attorney Lehrer read the following statement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 7, 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.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION NO. 2016-239**

Pending Litigation

- Affordable Housing
- Contract Negotiations – Shared Services WTSA

At 6:30 PM Deputy Mayor Garafola made a motion, seconded by Committeeman DiNardo to approve Resolution 2016-239 and enter into a closed session. Roll Call: All in favor. The Committee commenced their closed session at 6:35 PM.

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Mayor Lazo called the open public meeting to order at 7:15.  
All present sited the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Lazo, Deputy Mayor Garafola, Committeeman DiNardo, Committeeman Marion and Committeeman Sordillo were present.

Administrator Krane, Township Attorney Lehrer and Township Clerk Reese were also present.

Mayor Lazo introduced Patricia Leonhardt, Business Administrator and Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent: Dr. Mingle presented WARREN BOARD OF EDUCATION - 2016-2017 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-31** (second reading/adoption)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VII ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” OF *THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN* BY AMENDING SECTION 7-66 ENTITLED “TRAFFIC REGULATIONS FOR THE PROMENADE AT WARREN” TO REVISE THE NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS, TO LIMIT THE HOURS OF PARKING AND TO PROHIBIT PARKING WHEN ROADS ARE SNOW COVERED.

Mayor Lazo- Opened the PUBLIC HEARING, and as there were no comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing and ask for a motion to adopt.

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Committeeman DiNardo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-31. Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Garafola. Roll Call: All in favor.

Mayor Lazo asked for motion to approve the Township Committee Meeting Minutes for Regular and Executive Session: October 27, 2016.

Motion to approve: Committeeman Sordillo. Seconded by: Committeeman Marion. Roll Call: All in favor.

**REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS OR OFFICIALS – none at this time**

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Committeeman Sordillo reported that he attended the OEM Practice drill and how impressed he was with the preparedness and skills of our Office of Emergency Management.

Deputy Mayor Garafola reported that the Police Department was the guest speaker for Chamber of Commerce regarding the technology used for handling emergencies and incidents. The members of the Chamber were fascinated by the amount of technology used by their Township Police Department. Deputy Mayor commented how proud she was of the Warren Township Police Department.

**COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS –** Bill Lakatose, 7 Horseshoe Lane, Warren asked if Resolutions 2016-248, and 249 were for the new building and if this was going to increase the budget for the new Town Hall building. Administrator Krane assured him that the construction of the new building was still under budget.

**BILLS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2016-241**

Committeeman Marion made a Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-241 to pay the bills. Seconded by: Committeeman DiNardo. Roll Call: All in favor

**COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS – none at this time**

**DEFERRED BUSINESS – none at this time**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-32** (by title for introduction)  
BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$910,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK FOR AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$860,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

The Township Clerk reported the Supplemental Debt Statement has been received and filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

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Discussion: Committeeman Sordillo noted that by purchasing this fire truck, it will not change the Township's ICO rating for the residents. Michael LaSapio, Assistant Fire Chief rebutted that the Township's rating will not go up because of the water supply which is the limiting factor for not being able to move from Class III to Class IV.

Deputy Mayor Garafola made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 16-32 on first reading. Seconded by: Committeeman Sordillo. Roll Call: All in favor. The Open Public Meeting will be held December 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-33** (by title for introduction)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4-13 ENTITLED "LICENSING OF TOWING" OF CHAPTER IV ENTITLED "LICENSING-GENERAL" OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

**Explanation:** This Ordinance amends Section 4-13 entitled "Licensing of Towing" of *The Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Warren* to comply with the Predatory Towing Prevention Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Committeeman Sordillo made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 16-33 on first reading. Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Garafola. Roll Call: Committeeman Marion, yes; Committeeman DiNardo, abstained; Committeeman Sordillo, yes; Deputy Mayor Garafola, yes; and Mayor Lazo, yes. The Open Public Meeting will be held December 8, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

**CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:**

Committeeman DiNardo made a motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2016-242 through 2016-268. Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Garafola. Roll Call: All in favor.

- 2016-242 PROMOTION TO POLICE SERGEANT GRADE 2 – PATRICK MIZESKI
- 2016-243 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT – ROBERT TUCKER
- 2016-244 AUTHORIZING LEASE AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE WITH WARREN TOWNSHIP RESCUE SQUAD
- 2016-245 CHANGE ORDER #1 P.L. CUSTOM BODY & EQUIPMENT CO., INC. – LETTERING ON AMBULANCE & COT ACCESSORIES
- 2016-246 AWARD OF CONTRACT – FOREST LODGE CATERING, LLC
- 2016-247 AWARD OF CONTRACT – WELDON ASPHALT
- 2016-248 AWARD OF CONTRACT – BFI - FURNITURE FOR NEW TOWN HALL

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- 2016-249 AUTHORIZING 4th CHANGE ORDER - NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING BISMARCK CONSTRUCTION
- 2016-250 AUTHORIZING 2<sup>ND</sup> & FINAL EXTENSION OF CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING SUBCODE THIRD PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES TO EIC INSPECTION AGENCY INC.
- 2016-251 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE SUM OF \$2,081.17
- 2016-252 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,000
- 2016-253 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-254 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE FINANCE OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-255 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE ENGINEERING OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO RESERVE FOR PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-256 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE HISTORIC SITES OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO RESERVE FOR HISTORIC BUILDING
- 2016-257 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE POLICE S&W 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO RESERVE FOR RETIREMENT
- 2016-258 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE POLICE OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-259 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-260 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL PROPERTY OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDING
- 2016-261 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF WAGNER FARM OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO

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CAPITAL RESERVE FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

- 2016-262 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-263 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE FIRE TRUCK MAINTENANCE OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-264 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT
- 2016-265 CANCELING UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED BALANCE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS OE 2015 RESERVE BUDGET TO CAPITAL RESERVE FOR PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT
- 2016-266 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND - 184 PROPERTY OWNER LLC PHASE II - BLOCK 5 LOT 1.01
- 2016-267 RELEASE OF PERFORMANCE BOND - 184 PROPERTY OWNER LLC PHASE III - BLOCK 5 LOT 1.01
- 2016-268 CHANGE ORDER #1 - MANHATTAN WELIDING COMPANY, INC
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Attorney Lehrer explained to the Committee his recommendation for supporting this legislation as it pertains to the Fair Share Housing Gap Period.

**RESOLUTION:**

- 2016-269 AUTHORIZING SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL S-2254 AND ASSEMBLY BILL A-3821 WHICH AFFIRMS THE LANGUAGE AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT OF THE FAIR HOUSING ACT

Deputy Mayor Garafola made a Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2016-269, Seconded by: Committeeman Marion. Roll Call: All in favor.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. 2017 Holiday Schedule

Administrator Krane presented the Holiday Schedule for 2017 and the Township Committee had no objections or changes.

b. Wagner Farm Ad Hoc Committee Appointments

Administrator Krane reminded the Township Committee that appointments needed to be made: 1 member from the Township Committee, 1 member from the Wagner Farm Arboretum Foundation and 3 residents from Warren Township.

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Deputy Mayor Garafola thanked her supporters. In 2017 she will begin her 8<sup>th</sup> term as a committee member; 21 years of service. Mrs. Garafola has lived in for Warren 41 years.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – there were no comments from the public at this time

**Motion to ADJOURN:** Committeeman Sordillo. Seconded by: Committeeman Marion.  
Voice Vote: All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC  
Township Clerk

Approved December 8, 2016