

TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2017

At 6:32 PM, Mayor Garafola made a motion, seconded by Committeeman DiNardo to move to close session. Voice Vote: All in favor

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-66

Pending Litigation: Affordable Housing
Hwang vs. Chadwick

At 7:17 PM Mayor Garafola opened the public meeting.

Clerk Reese read the following statement:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 5, 2017 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.

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Garafola, Deputy Mayor Sordillo, Committeeman DiNardo, Committeeman Lazo were present. Committeeman Marion was absent.

Also present was Administrator Krane, Township Attorney Lehrer and Township Clerk Reese.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo presented to WARREN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPERINTENDENT, MATTHEW MINGLE and BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT, TIA ALLOCCO a Proclamation Proclaiming March 2017 WORLD CHILD MONTH.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Committeeman DiNardo read the following Ordinance by title;

ORDINANCE NO. 17-01 (second reading/adoption)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-6 ENTITLED “FEES FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS” OF CHAPTER II ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN

Mayor Garafola opened the PUBLIC HEARING and as there were no comments, closed the PUBLIC HEARING and asked for a motion to adopt. Committeeman DiNardo made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-01, Seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: All in favor.

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

Regular and Executive Sessions – January 26, 2017

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to approve. Seconded by: Committeeman DiNardo. Voice vote: All in favor.

There were no **REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS OR OFFICIALS**

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Committeeman DiNardo reported how efficient the move into the new building had been this week. Administrator Krane thanked all the employees for all their hard work packing for the last month and unpacking this week.

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Deputy Mayor Sordillo reported he attended the “closing” ceremony of the old Town Hall and the locking of the door by Lois Harold, Township employee of 36 years. The ceremony was “bittersweet”.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Garafola announced that Somerset County was voted one of the Top 25 Best Places to live in the United States by the Wall Street Journal.

Mayor Garafola also reminded residents of the Ordinance that requires all residents to shovel the snow in front of their houses within 12 hours of the end of the snow storm.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Joe Lakatos requested information on Resolution 2017-71 regarding Change Order #6 for the new municipal building and Resolution 2017-81. Administrator Krane addressed both, by assuring Mr. Lakatos that the two items are within the initial budget for the building.

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-67 - BILLS

Committeeman Lazo made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-67 to pay the bills. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Roll call: All in favor

NEW BUSINESS – none at this time

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions No. 2017-68 through No. 2017-82 were submitted to the Township Committee for review and may be adopted by one motion. These resolutions are listed on the agenda for review and a complete copy made available in the Township Clerk’s Office.

Committeeman DiNardo with the recommendation of Atty. Lehrer asked that Resolution 2017-82 be removed from the consent agenda. All agreed.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2017-68 through 2017-81, Seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: All in favor

- 2017-68 RELEASING PERFORMANCE BOND – WESTFIELD GOSPEL HALL INC.
BLOCK 80 LOT 12.02
- 2017-69 AMENDING RESOLUTIONS NO. 2016-266 AND NO. 2016-267 RELEASE OF
PERFORMANCE BONDS FOR 184 PROPERTY OWNER LLC
- 2017-70 AUTHORIZING 2ND & FINAL EXTENSION OF CONTRACT YARD DUMPSTER TO
STILO EXCAVATION, INC
- 2017-71 AUTHORIZING 6th CHANGE ORDER - NEW MUNICIPAL BUILDING
BISMARCK CONSTRUCTION
- 2017-72 ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF TAX COLLECTOR RANDY BAHR
- 2017-73 APPOINTING JOHN MCMANUS ACTING ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL
- 2017-74 APPOINTING JOHN MCMANUS ELECTRICAL SUBCODE OFFICIAL
FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM

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- 2017-75 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO SKYLANDS AREA FIRE EQUIPMENT & TRAINING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT
- 2017-76 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO WORLDWIDE WHOLESALE FLOORING CARPETING/FLOORING – POLICE HEADQUARTERS
- 2017-77 AWARD OF CONTRACT TO NEW JERSEY FIRE EQUIPMENT COMPANY
- 2017-78 AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3000.00 TO CONTINUE TO FUND LEGAL EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL CONSORTIUM REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING LITIGATION
- 2017-79 AUTHORIZING FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN PROPERTIES/MT BETHEL ROAD LLC. REGARDING BLOCK 78 LOTS 15.01 & 15.02
- 2017-80 AUTHORIZING FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH FLAG PLAZA LLC. REGARDING BLOCK 88.04 LOTS 15
- 2017-81 AUTHORIZING FOURTH AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT SALUSTRO PARTNERSHIP ARCHITECTS LLC REGARDING THE NEW MUNICIPAL ANNEX

RESOLUTIONS

- 2017-82 AUTHORIZING TOWING OPERATOR'S RATE SCHEDULE

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion, seconded by Committeeman Lazo to approve Resolution 2017-82. Roll Call: Committeeman Lazo, yes; Committeeman DiNardo abstain; Deputy Mayor Sordillo, yes; Mayor Garafola, yes. Committeeman Marion was absent.

DEFERRED BUSINESS – none at this time

DISCUSSION

- a. Affordable Housing Update – Atty. Lehrer summarized the proceedings to date. A meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2017 with Fair Share Housing and the Township
- b. Library Parking Spaces – Administrator Krane noted that there will be additional parking available in the rear lot for the entire municipal complex. Paving preparation of the lot will begin next week and it will closed in April for paving & striping. Administrator Krane will meet with the Library Director regarding scheduling of events to coordinate with the municipal court dates and the township events, in order to help reduce the parking congestion. Mayor Garafola suggested that the polling location at the library also be moved from the library and asked the Clerk to research.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Members of the public wishing to address the governing body on any matter will be allowed three (3) minutes, unless there are unusual circumstances.

Mr. Lakatos – 7 Horseshoe Road, Warren asked if the Executive Sessions would be held in the 2nd floor conference room in the new municipal building starting tonight and for the future. Administrator Krane answered that they would and Mayor Garafola noted that the executive sessions would start earlier in order not to delay the opening of the public meeting time of 7:00 PM.

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ADJOURN

At 7:50 PM, Committeeman Lazo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo to return to Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation: Hwang vs. Chadwick. The Committee will return to public session to formalize their decision.

The Township Committee returned to Open Session at 7:55 PM. Mayor Garafola made a motion to authorize the Township to defend John Chadwick, Warren Township Planner and Zoning Official in the lawsuit filed by Mr. Hwang. Seconded by: Committeeman DiNardo. Roll call: All in favor.

As there was no further business to discuss, Mayor Garafola made a motion, seconded by Committeeman DiNardo to adjourn the public meeting at 7:56 PM. Voice Vote: All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved March 16, 2017