

**TOWNSHIP OF WARREN
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2017**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – RESOLUTION NO. 2017-284

Pending Litigation: Affordable Housing
Contract Negotiations: CWA Contract; Shared Services Watchung Borough
Attorney/Client Privilege: Liquor License

Committeeman DiNardo made a motion to enter into closed session, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Voice Vote: All in favor

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 and December 13, 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.

Mayor Garafola called the Public Meeting to order at 7:15 PM.
All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Garafola and Committeeman Marion Watchung Hills Pop Warner Challenger Division of Warren

Committeeman Lazo present Certificates of Recognition to the members of the Watchung Hills Varsity Girls Tennis Team, for placing 5th in the State Competition.

Mayor Garafola presented a Certificate of Recognition to Julia Heilberg Winner of the Somerset County Photo Contest Winner

Lions Club Leo Members

Deputy Mayor Sordillo presented Certificates of Recognition to all the Leos and praised them for all they did for the community in 2017

Committeeman DiNardo presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Warren Township EMT - Jane Kelsey, for her many years of service to the Township

Mayor Garafola introduced Tony Cava, CEO/President of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Mr. Cava gave a power point presentation on all the programs available for the residents at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Somerset County.

Two items were amended on the agenda. Resolution 2017- 306 was added to the Consent Agenda and the effective Date for Resolution 2017-305 was amended to January 1ST,

2018. Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a motion to approve the amendments, seconded by Committeeman Lazo, Voice vote: All in favor.

COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Mr. Lakatos, 7 Horse Show Lane asked for an explanation of Resolution 2017-289, which Mr. Krane explained.

Committeeman DiNardo left the meeting at 7:59 PM due to a personal matter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Committeeman Marion recused himself from this item.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-25 (second reading/adoption)

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR AN "AREA IN NEED OF REDEVELOPMENT" KNOWN AS THE "MT. HOREB & MT. BETHEL ROADS REDEVELOPMENT AREA" CONSISTING OF BLOCK 71, LOT 37.01 AS SHOWN ON THE TAX MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-7, AND SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER XVI OF THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN ENTITLED "ZONING" BY THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 16-3 ENTITLED "OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND INTERPRETATIONS", AND BY THE ADDITION OF NEW SUBSECTION 16-19.5 ENTITLED "MT. HOREB & MT. BETHEL ROADS AREA (BLOCK 71, LOT 37.01) REDEVELOPMENT PLAN".

Mayor Garafola Opened the PUBLIC HEARING – Mr. de Pinho of 11 Wilshire Rd, asked about the parking for this redevelopment. Atty. Lehrer explained that the plan for the development would go before the planning board and they ensure the parking was adequate according to the Township Code.

As there was no further comments, Mayor Garafola Closed Public Hearing and asked for a motion to adopt. Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 17-25, seconded by , Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: Mayor Garafola, yes; Deputy Mayor Sordillo, yes; and Committeeman Lazo, yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-26 (second reading/adoption)

AN ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTING AND AMENDING CHAPTER III ENTITLED "GENERAL POLICE REGULATIONS" OF THE *REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WARREN* BY ADDING SECTION 3-30 ENTITLED "INTERNET PURCHASE EXCHANGE LOCATION."

Mayor Garafola Opened the PUBLIC HEARING and as there were no comments, closed the public hearing and requested a motion to adopt.

Committeeman Lazo made a Motion to pass Ordinance No. 17-26, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo, Roll call: Mayor Garafola, yes; Deputy Mayor Sordillo, yes; Committeeman Lazo, yes; and Committeeman Marion, yes..

APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committeeman Lazo made a motion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo to approve the Regular and Executive Session – November 14, 2017 and Executive Minutes as redacted by Township Attorney - January 26, 2012, February 16, 2012, May 3, 2012, July 19, 2012 and August 16, 2012.

REPORTS OF TOWNSHIP OFFICERS OR OFFICIALS – There was none at this time.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Deputy Mayor Sordillo announced that Warren Township had achieved a Class 8 Flood Rating which would afford Warren residents a 10% deduction on the cost of their flood insurance.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-285

Committeeman Marion read resolution 2017-286 and made a motion to adopt, seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: Committeeman Lazo, yes; Committeeman Marion, yes; Deputy Mayor Sordillo, yes; and Mayor Garafola, yes. Committeeman DiNardo was absent.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS - per Chairman of the Board of Health's request; Appointments to Board of Health – Move Mark Rosenman from alternate #1 to a full member, to replace Sue Cooper, move Laura Burger to Alternate #1 and appoint Soma Mandall to Alternate #2. Voice Vote: All in Favor

NEW BUSINESS – There was none at this time

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS:

Resolutions No. 2017-286 through No. 2017-304, and 17-306 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.

Deputy Mayor Sordillo made a Motion to adopt Resolutions No. 2017-286 through 2017-304 and Resolution No. 2017-306. Seconded by Committeeman Lazo. Roll call: All in favor, Committeeman DiNardo was absent.

- 2017-286 AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF WATCHUNG HILLS MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE GRANT FUNDING THROUGH SOMERSET COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019 FORM 1B
- 2017-287 AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT WESTFIELD ARCHITECTS AND PRESERVATION CONSULTANTS PHASE 1 MT. BETHEL BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE
- 2017-288 AUTHORIZING BUDGET TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,100
- 2017-289 URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO EXTEND THE 2% CAP ON POLICE AND FIRE ARBITRATION CONTRACT AWARDS
- 2017-290 ESTABLISHING JANUARY 1, 2018 AS A HOLIDAY
- 2017-291 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM A PRIVATE DONATION FOR POLICE K9 ONYX IN THE SUM OF \$61.00
- 2017-292 APPROVAL OF THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET RECEIVED FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY – 2017 BODY ARMOR REPLACEMENT FUND GRANT IN THE SUM OF \$2,910.35

- 2017-293 APPOINTING DYLAN COTE TO THE WARREN TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
- 2017-294 TRANSFERRING FUNDS IN THE POLICE S&W 2017 BUDGET TO RESERVE FOR RETIREMENT
- 2017-295 CHANGE ORDER #1 & #2 KRAUSCHE ROAD PUMP STATION
- 2017-296 AWARD OF CONTRACT – RECORDS MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC
- 2017-297 CHANGE ORDER #1 – FIRE TRUCK MODEL TA04-AN ENFORCER
- 2017-298 AWARD OF CONTRACT - ELEVATOR SUBCODE THIRD PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES TO NEW JERSEY ELEVATOR INSPECTION AGENCY
- 2017-299 AWARD OF CONTRACT PLUMBING SUBCODE THIRD PARTY INSPECTION SERVICES TO EIC INSPECTION AGENCY CORP
- 2017-300 AWARD OF CONTRACT – ROCK SALT – ATLANTIC SALT (PRIMARY VENDOR) THROUGH SOMERSET COUNTY COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- 2017-301 J.A. ALEXANDER, INC. - CHANGE ORDER #1 ROUND TOP ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
- 2017-302 AUTHORIZING EXTENSION OF A SANITARY SEWER LATERAL ACROSS A DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR BLOCK 49 LOT 4.01
- 2017-303 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF 2017 HISTORICAL PRESERVATION GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN WARREN TOWNSHIP AND SOMERSET COUNTY FOR MT. BETHEL BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE
- 2017-304 AUTHORIZING BONDS AGGREGATING THE PRINCIPAL SUM OF \$7,450,000
- 2017-306 AUTHORIZING THE REJECTION OF ALL BIDDERS WHERE THE HIGHEST QUALIFIED BID IS NOT ACCEPTED

RESOLUTIONS:

- 2017-305 AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THREE (3) YEAR TOWING SERVICE AGREEMENT TO C & L TOWING TO PROVIDE TOWING SERVICE

Committeeman Lazo made a Motion to adopt, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo, Roll Call: All in favor, Committeeman Dinardo was absent.

DEFERRED BUSINESS- there was none at this time

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Affordable Housing – Atty. Lehrer gave a quick update, that the negotiations were winding down and he hoped to have a firm settlement by spring..

- b. 2018 Reorganization and Appointments – Deputy Mayor Sordillo has been working on the appointments for next year by contacting the volunteers to be appointed and re-appointed.

Mayor Garafola nominated Victor Sordillo for Mayor for 2018
Deputy Mayor Sordillo nominated Gary DiNardo for Deputy Mayor in 2018

- c. 2018 Property and Casualty Insurance Renewals – Administrator Krane recommended renewing with the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund
- d. The Promenade – Performance Bond Releases – Atty. Lehrer is not ready to make a recommendation to release the bonds at this time due to a paving issue that needs to be resolved by the developer.
- e. Ambulance Services – Service with Atlantic Ambulance is not satisfactory and their contract expires in June 2018. Administrator Krane has been meeting with them to see how the service can be improved.
- f. Textile Recycling Program – Administrator Krane recommended that Public Works Superintendent Buro investigate this program further for township participation

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 of 7 Horseshoe Lane complained about the JCP&L estimated bills. Deputy Mayor Sordillo will discuss with the JCP&L township representative.

Mr. de Pinho of 11 Wilshire Lane asked about the procedure for volunteers for boards and committees, and noted that the information be more accessible on the website. He asked how the ambulance fees were calculated differently for some Warren residents, Deputy Mayor Sordillo noted that all fees were contracted to be the same for each resident.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

At 8:55 PM, Committeeman Lazo made a motion to return to Executive Session to complete discussion on the personnel items. Seconded by Committeeman Marion. Voice Vote all in favor.

The Committee returned to Open Session at 9:27 PM and as there was no further business to discuss, adjourned the meeting at 9:28 by motion from Committeeman Marion, seconded by Deputy Mayor Sordillo. Voice vote: all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Reese

Cathy Reese, RMC
Township Clerk

Approved January 4, 2018