

THE APRIL 8, 2009 REGULAR/WORKSHOP TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30 PM BY THE MAYOR, MARYANN MERLINO.

NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING APPEARED IN RESOLUTION #2009-6 DATED JANUARY 4, 2009 WHICH WAS SENT TO THE RECORD BREEZE AND COURIER-POST NEWSPAPERS AS A LEGAL NOTICE. ALSO, COPIES OF RESOLUTION #2009-6 WERE SENT TO THE RECORD BREEZE, COURIER-POST AND INQUIRER NEWSPAPERS, AND A COPY IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW".

OPENING PRAYER:**SALUTE TO THE FLAG:****ROLL CALL:**

Committeeman Condo - Present
Committeewoman Finnerty - Present
Committeeman Halbert - Present
Committeeman Hamilton - Present
Mayor Merlino - Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Virginia L. Chandler, Township Clerk - Present
Lawrence C. Ruocco, Township Administrator - Present
John P. Maroccia, Township Solicitor - Present
Christopher J. Noll, Environmental Resolutions, Inc., Township Engineer - Present

PRESENTATIONS:

PRESENTATION BY MICHAEL BABLI OF THE AMERICAN LEGION REGARDING RETURNING VETERANS. Contact him at (609) 870-5055 if you know of any returning veterans.

EMERGENCY ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA: (None Submitted)**ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES:**

Adoption of Ordinance #2009-5

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2008-14 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009.

Notation: Summer Recreation Program Salaries

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

(THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC)

MAYOR CLOSSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Halbert, 2nd by Finnerty to adopt Ordinance #2009-5.

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

Adoption of Ordinance #2009-6

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 124 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD
CAPTIONED "FEES".

Notation: Summer Recreation Program Fees and Recreation Field Use Fees

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

(THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC)

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Condo to adopt Ordinance #2009-6.

Poll Vote:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christopher J. Noll: Township Engineer, Environmental Resolutions, Inc.:

MARYANN MERLINO:

Mayor

Library Chairman

Director of Buildings and Grounds

ROEDER D. HALBERT:

Deputy Mayor

Director of Public Works

CHARLES HAMILTON:

Director of Public Safety

RALPH J. CONDO:

Director of Finance

Liaison to the School Board

Liaison to the Environmental Commission

Voice Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

OLD BUSINESS: (Submitted Below)

NEW BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES:

Introduction of Ordinance #2009-8

ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #2004-12 CHANGING THE RATES FOR SANITARY SEWER AND WATER SERVICES FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Halbert to approve to advertise Ordinance #2009-8 for hearing on May 13, 2009.

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

Introduction of Ordinance #2009-9

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COLA IS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14).

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Hamilton to approve to advertise Ordinance #2009-9 for hearing on May 13, 2009.

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

RESOLUTIONS: (REGARDING BUDGET MATTERS)

Resolution #2009-110

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEFERRAL OF SCHOOL TAXES.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Halbert to adopt Resolution #2009-110.

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

RESOLUTION #2009-111

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BUDGET.

Steve Miller explained the budget and noted it is a good budget.

Mr. Condo noted he has some suggestions for changes to the budget and wants to discuss them prior to introduction in order to not having to amend the budget.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to take steps to adjust the health benefits billing and cleaning services for the Township Library and for that to be reflected in this budget.
(No Vote Taken)

Stephen Miller suggested the budget be introduced as it stands and any changes be made by an amendment to the budget.

John Maroccia noted he agreed with Mr. Miller.

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to consider the freeze of management salaries.
(No Vote Taken)

Mr. Condo noted there are two motions on the floor that need a vote.

Mr. Maroccia noted the two motions on the floor are out of order.

Mr. Condo suggested any necessary changes be made and a resolution to adjust the budget be placed on the next meeting agenda.

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Halbert to adopt Resolution #2009-111.

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - No
- Committeewoman Finnerty - No
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution #2009-112

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WAIVING OF THE PERMIT FEE FOR THE WATERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC IN THE EXISTING BRICK SIGN STRUCTURE OUTSIDE OF THE ATCO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR A PROPOSED LED MESSAGE CENTER SIGN.

Resolution #2009-113

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ARAWAK PAVING COMPANY, INC. TO PERFORM EMERGENCY RESURFACING AND REPAIRS TO BATES MILL ROAD.

Resolution #2009-114

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTIONS, INC. TO PERFORM CONSTRUCTION OBSERVATION SERVICES FOR THE GENNESSEE AVENUE DRAINAGE PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

Resolution #2009-115

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING FOR WATERFORD RECREATION COMPLEX FOR THE TAPPER FIELD AND RITTER RECREATION COMPLEX FOR THE SOFTBALL FIELD FROM ATCO FENCE COMPANY. (GRANT FUNDING) (INSTALLATION AND REPLACEMENT OF ONLY DAMAGED FENCING)

Resolution #2009-116

RESOLUTION APPOINTING TERRI CHIDDENTON TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD FOR AN UNOCCUPIED/UNEXPIRED TERM AS ALTERNATE #1 FOR THE TERM APRIL 8, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009.

Moved by Halbert, 2nd by Finnerty to adopt Resolution #2009-112 through Resolution #2009-116.

Poll Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

a.	Current Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$1,407,729.95
b.	Capital Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$2,791.80
c.	Utility Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$21,294.71
d.	Animal Control/Dog Trust Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$109.83
e.	Police Outside Services Trust Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$2,395.00
f.	State Grant Bill List.	TOTAL	\$6,867.22
g.	Planning Board Escrow Fund Bill List.	TOTAL	\$3,717.01

Moved by Condo, 2nd by Finnerty to approve and pay the above bills as submitted if documentation is present and when funds are available.

Voice Vote:

- Committeeman Condo - Yes
- Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes
- Committeeman Halbert - Yes
- Committeeman Hamilton - Yes
- Mayor Merlino - Yes

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:

MAYOR OPENS THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

Al Campbell, Linden Avenue welcomed Terri Chiddenton to the Environmental Commission. He thanked Mayor Merlino and all who participated in the Environmental Commission Clean Up Day. He noted the American Legion is requesting funds for flowers to be planted around the memorials. (Ralph Condo, Pam Finnerty and Eileen Conte all offered to each donate \$25.00 for flowers) Mr. Campbell also inquired about the Township's donation to the American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade.

Bill Richardson, Bellevue Avenue offered to donate funds if needed to the American Legion for flowers. He noted there are two motions on the floor that need a vote. He inquired about Verizon taping the Township Meetings along with Comcast taping the Township Meetings. He voiced his concern about the William Scotsman property being for sale and the loss of a Township ratable.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committeewoman Finnerty inquired if Phil Rowan has issued any reports regarding Economic Development.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING: (Continued)

Dennis Lamagna, Conrad Avenue noted the School Board Election is on April 21, 2009, the Boy Scouts are having a Pancake Breakfast at the Waterford Fire Hall on April 19, 2009 and the Kiwanis Club is having a Hoagie Sale until May 15, 2009.

Gabe Cimino, Jackson Road noted it appears the Township Committee is not in unison regarding the budget.

Ron Passarella, Almira Avenue spoke about the new Businessmen's Association and encouraged all businesses to join. The next Meeting is April 28, 2009 at Gallery Pizza, the meetings are held at different businesses each month. The Businessman's Association will be working on a discount coupon. He indicated the Haines Boulevard funding was lost and that development is struggling due to the present economy.

MAYOR CLOSES THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

Licensed Water Operator when the Township's Licensed Water Operator is unavailable.

Borough of Berlin using the Township's Court Room to hold their courts.

Shared Services with the Borough of Berlin.

Back up tapes being kept off site in the Safe Deposit Box at the Susquehanna Bank.

ISSUES FROM THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE:

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE.

CLOSING PRAYER:

ADJOURNMENT: (9:20 PM)

Moved by Halbert, 2nd by Finnerty to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Halbert - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

Township Engineer Report - Environmental Resolutions, Inc.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Virginia L. Chandler, RMC
Township Clerk